McKean County Miner.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY

BURT OLSON, Editor and Proprietor.

TERMS: $1.25 Per Year

VOL. XXXIV. SMETHPORT, PA., FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1897. NO. 4

Official Directory

STATE.

Governor—Daniel H. [illegible]
Lieutenant Governor—Walter [illegible]
State Treasurer—Samuel M. [illegible]
Auditor General—[illegible]
Sec'y of Internal Affairs—[illegible]

DISTRICT AND COUNTY.

President Judge—T. A. Olmsted, Coudersport
Additional Law Judge—Thomas A. Morrison, Smethport.
Member of Congress—[illegible] Warren
State Senator—[illegible]
Members of Assembly—[illegible]
E. A. Dempsey, [illegible]
District Attorney—[illegible] Smethport
Sheriff—J. F. Davis, Smethport
Prothonotary—G. W. Mitchell, Bradford
County Treasurer—T. B. Clark, Bradford
Commissioners—Wm. [illegible] Young, Smethport
Lemuel Davis, Kane; Thomas [illegible]
Smethport.
Com'rs Clerk—S. D. Walter, Kane
Jury Commis—Walter [illegible]
Auditors—[illegible]
Bradford; A. B. Cory, Crosby
Mercantile Appraiser—[illegible]
Coroner—E. H. [illegible]
County School Supt—J. F. [illegible] Smethport

BOROUGH.

Burgess—F. W. Browne
Council—Frank Kerns, [illegible]
Belvor Wm. [illegible]
D. C. Young, [illegible]
Sartwell, A. T. Palmer [illegible]
Justices—B. L. Knapp, F. Fort
Constable—H. L. Burlingame
School Director—J. [illegible]
T. A. Morrison, [illegible]
W. Dunn
Collector—J. C. [illegible]
Assessor—W. K. Young
Ass't Assessors—D. L. Young, Wm. Rudler
Auditors—L. K. Bogarts, M. Mayo
Judge of Election—[illegible]
Inspectors of Election—[illegible]

Lodge Directory

F. & A. M.—McKean Lodge, No. 388 meets on [illegible] Wednesday of each month at [illegible] p. m. at Masonic Hall, Main street. [illegible] W. M.
W. F. SPECHT, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.—Smethport Lodge, No. 389 meets Friday evening at [illegible] Will work [illegible] degree [illegible] meeting of each month, [illegible] degree [illegible] third, and 3d degree [illegible]
J. C. GALLUP, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F.—Smethport [illegible] meets the First and Third [illegible] of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.
[illegible]
H. M. CHOATE, Scribe.

CIVILLA REBEKAH Lodge [illegible]—Meets every Monday evening at I. O. O. F. Hall.
[illegible] N. G.
ESTELLA B. GALLUP, Sec'y.

G. A. R.—McKean Post [illegible] meets First and Third Thursday evening of each month at [illegible] o'clock, in the A. O. U. W. Hall, [illegible] Block.
[illegible] Com.
H. L. BURLINGAME, Adjutant.

W. R. C.—Meets Thursday afternoon at A. O. U. W. Hall, Backus Block.
MRS. KATE L. [illegible] Pres't.
MRS. ROSE FRINK, Sec'y.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AND MALTA, Keystone Encampment, No. [illegible] meet [illegible] Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall.
[illegible]
B. T. DOWNEY, Chancellor.

A. O. U. W.—Smethport Lodge, No. [illegible] meets second, fourth and last Tuesday evenings of each month in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Backus Block.
[illegible] M. W.
J. C. GALLUP, Recorder.

E. A. U.—Smethport Union No. [illegible] meets on Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings of each month in I. O. O. F. hall.
[illegible] President.
MRS. S. M. VICKERY, Secretary.

K. O. T. M.—Smethport Tent No. 8, meets every Monday evening at [illegible] A. O. U. W. hall, Backus Block.
C. H. BURLINGAME, Com.
CHAS. OLMSTED, R. K.

L. O. T. M.—Brown Hive, No. [illegible] Meets in A. O. U. W. hall, Backus Block, Tuesday afternoon.
[illegible]
MRS. ANNA B. GIFFORD, R. K.

C. M. B. A.—Smethport Branch [illegible] meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at [illegible] p. m. at W. C. T. U. hall, Backus block.
JAMES LYNCH, Pres't.
THOMAS CLARK, Rec. Sec'y.

W. C. T. U.—Meets every alternate Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the M. E. Chapel.
MRS. D. L. FORSYTHE, Pres't.
MRS. M. E. RICHMOND, Sec'y.

P. H. C.—Smethport Branch No. 25 meets on First and Third Wednesday evenings of each month in Backus Hall. Dr. CHADWICK, Pres.
MRS. WM. HAMLIN, Sec.

Churches

Methodist Episcopal—JOHN WENTWORTH SANBORN, A. M., Pastor. [illegible] morning at 10 o'clock. [illegible] Sunday School at 11:45 a. m. [illegible] 6 p. m. Epworth League [illegible] ing at 7:30 p. m. [illegible] meeting Friday at [illegible]

Baptist—REV. T. R. TAYLOR, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at [illegible] m. Bible school directly after morning service. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Young People's prayer meeting at 7 p. m. every Sunday evening. Covenant meeting Saturday before the [illegible] each month at 2 o'clock p. m. [illegible] supper on the first Sunday of every [illegible] All are welcome.

Episcopal—J. HEBER MCCANDLESS, Rector. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Additional service at [illegible] a. m. except [illegible] Sunday of each month. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

All Saints' [illegible] (Chapel—East Smethport)—REV. J. HEBER MCCANDLESS, Rector. Evening services every Sunday at 3:30 [illegible] Sunday School 2:30 p. m. The Ladies' Guild meets every Friday at 10 a. m.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church—[illegible] Pastor. Mass at 11 a. m. Service at 11:30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Services on [illegible] afternoon Sunday at Smethport and Clermont.

Union Services at [illegible] corner school house, East Smethport, every Sabbath afternoon at [illegible] by Rev. A. [illegible] Sabbath [illegible] immediately after the preaching.

Adequate—E. S. [illegible] Pastor. [illegible] every Sunday morning at [illegible] p. m. Sunday school at [illegible] meeting, 10 a. m. a [illegible] evening [illegible] Children's Meeting Saturday 1:30 p. m. All are invited.

Universal church—J. M. Leach, pastor. Services every Sunday at [illegible] p. m. Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. Gospel Service Wednesday evening. All are invited.

Professional Cards.

Attorneys

H. H. Stone,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office Pompelon Hall, Bradford, Pa.

Berry & Edgett,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. Rooms [illegible] Berry & Melvin Block, Bradford, Pa.

BYRON D. HAMLIN. JOHN FORREST.
Hamlin & Forrest
LAW AND LAND OFFICE, Smethport, Pa. Office of the lands of Hamlin & Forrest (formerly Keating & Co.) situated in the counties of McKean, Potter, Cameron, Clinton and Clearfield.

Sheridan Gorton.
ATTORNEY AT LAW and District Attorney of McKean County. Office in the Court House, Smethport, Pa.

Bouton & Gallup.
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. All legal business promptly and carefully attended to. Office over Hamlin's Bank, Smethport, Pa.

R. R. SHERMAN,
PENSION ATTORNEY. Claims prosecuted under both old and new law. Special attention given to claims under Act of June 27, 1890. Address
KENDALL CREEK, McKEAN Co., PA.

M. L. Keenan,
ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office opposite Chancery House, Smethport, Pa. All legal business attended to promptly.

M. H. Byles.
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW. Room [illegible] Masonic Temple Building, Bradford, Pa.

C. E. Judd.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Over 19 Main street, Davis Block, Bradford, Pa. Dec. 3, 1896.

M. R. Mayo,
ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in Odd Fellows' Building, over the Post Office, Smethport, Pa. Office connected with long distance telephone.

P. R. Cotter,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, Eldred, Pa. Will promptly attend to all business entrusted to his care.

A. M. HECK,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Office: COUDERSPORT, PA.
N. E. Cor. Main & Third Sts. In Mann & [illegible] building.

H. E. Shafter,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
KANE, PENNA.
Practice in all the Courts of the State, and United States Courts.
Office in [illegible] Block.

G. C. DORRAN. JOHN ORMEROD.
DORRAN & ORMEROD.
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
COUDERSPORT, P
[illegible] Main St., Third Street.

N. R. Collins & Co.,
88 Main St., BRADFORD, PA.,

Proprietors of the

Celebrated "Gold Leaf" Whiskies,

And Wholesale Dealers in

Imported and Domestic Liquors.

We guarantee sales to be satisfactory.
Goods plainly boxed and sealed if desired.
Correspondence solicited.
Send for Price Lists.

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

Physicians

H. L. McCoy,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office in E. B. [illegible] Main street, Smethport, Pa.

Dr Hugh Chadwick,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. [illegible] Phoenix [illegible]

John Clark, M. D. C. M.
[illegible] Bell [illegible] Hours 8 to 10 a. m. and 1 [illegible]

J. C. Brown,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office [illegible] Building, Smethport, Pa.

G. E. Henninghoff
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, [illegible] special attention given to [illegible] diseases of women. [illegible] to 3:30 and 7 to 8 p. m.

DR EVAN O'N KANE,
SURGEON
AND
CONSULTING PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
Surgeon Kane Summit Hospital, Kane, Pa.
[illegible] All summons promptly attended [illegible] day or night.

DR. E. R. BAKER
DENTIST.
Teeth extracted without pain. All kinds of dental work done promptly and satisfaction guaranteed.
Office over McCoy's Drug Store.

HOTELS

RANT CENTRAL HOTEL,
JAMES McGUIRE, PROP'R.
Main Street Smethport Pa.
This hotel has recently been renovated and refurnished. The table and bar constantly supplied with the best the market affords. First class in every respect. Rates reasonable.

CHAUTAUQUA HOUSE
Main street Smethport Pa., Daniel Bacon Proprietor
This House has recently been greatly improved in all departments, making it one of the best in [illegible] hotels in the county. Good [illegible] The tables are supplied with all the delicacies of the season. A [illegible] share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

THE FLEMING HOTEL
TWO DOORS NORTH OF BANK,
KANE - - PA
This Hotel has been recently built and is newly furnished throughout in the latest style.
First class accommodations for the traveling public.
JOHN FLEMING, Proprietor.

HOTEL IMPERIAL,
GEO. P. BABCOCK, PROP.
UNION ST. OPPOSITE PARK
OLEAN, N. Y.
Having taken possession of the above Hotel I am prepared to entertain my old friends, and new ones as well in the proper manner. Come and see me.

SARTWELL HOUSE,
PORT ALLEGANY PA
Having recently purchased the above Hotel and made extensive improvements I am prepared to cater to the traveling public.
C. S. KING, PROPRIETOR.

Hotel La Mont
RECENTLY ENLARGED
Fraley St. Kane, Penna.
DICK DONOVAN, - PROPRIETOR.
The LaMont is located four doors from the depot, and is equipped with all conveniences for the comfort of guests.

CROWELL HOUSE,
COUDERSPORT, PA.
WM. M. VANBUREN, Proprietor.
First class accommodations.
Free Bus to and from all trains.

BAYER HOUSE,
CLERMONT PENNA.
This house has just been rebuilt and refurnished. The tables are supplied with the best the market affords and the accommodations are all that can be desired. The bar is supplied with the best brands of liquors and cigars.
BOYD & SMITH, Proprietors.

FOSTER HOUSE,
W. L. FOSTER, Prop.
Lewis Run, Penna.
New house, new furniture. First class in every respect. Particular attention paid to the traveling public. Good sample rooms for commercial men.

HOTEL IMPERIAL,
J. L. ANDREWS, Propr.,
73 and 75 MAIN ST. BRADFORD PA.
First-class in every respect. Bar is supplied with the best wines and liquors. European plan.

THOMPSON HOUSE,
E. H. THOMPSON, Prop'r.
COUDERSPORT, PA.
Having recently purchased the above property and refitted and refurnished it throughout, I am prepared to entertain the public at large. The best of table service furnished.

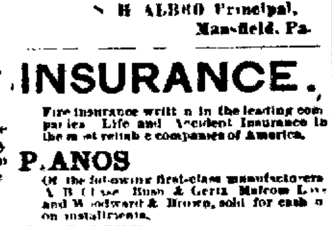
THE PALACE HOTEL,
PETERSON BROS., PROPRS.
163 UNION STREET, OLEAN, N. Y.
EUROPEAN PLAN.

HENDERSON HOUSE,
Cor. Webster & Corydon Sts.
BRADFORD, PA.
First-class in every respect.
Opposite the railway stations.
J. C. [illegible] Proprietor.

FARLEY CAFE,
FERDICK & HARVEY, PROPRS.
UNION ST. OLEAN, N. Y.
Having purchased this cafe we have refitted and refurnished it throughout and are now prepared to cater to the wants of the public in an up-to-date manner. The finest wines, liquors and cigars always in stock.

BARBER SHOP.
Alfred Sturdvent.
Next door to Gallup's Store, Main St.
Shaving Hair and Dressing
In the latest style of art.
None but first class workmen employed.
Alfred Sturdvent, Surgeon Chiropodist.
Corns removed in a few minutes without pain or soreness. Also treatment for bunions and ingrowing nails.
BATH ROOMS ATTACHED.

BLACKSMITH SHOP.
GEORGE HOWE, Proprietor,
East Smethport, Pa.
Having opened business in the above place, I am now prepared to do all kinds of repairing of wagons, horseshoeing, &c. Satisfaction guaranteed.



Mansfield State Normal School.

Intellectual and practical training for teachers. Five courses of study besides preparatory. Special attention given to preparation for college. Students admitted to best colleges on certificate. Great advantages for special students in art and music. Model school of three hundred and fifty pupils. Corps of sixteen teachers. Beautiful grounds. Magnificent buildings. Large ground for athletics. Elevator. Infirmary with attendant nurse. Fine gymnasium. Everything furnished at average cost to normal students $143 a year. Fall term, Aug. 31; winter term, Nov. 30; spring term, March 14. Students admitted to classes at any time. For catalogue containing full information apply to
S. H. ALBRO, Principal,
Mansfield, Pa.

INSURANCE.
Fire insurance written in the leading companies. Life and Accident Insurance in the most reliable companies of America.

PIANOS
Of the following first-class manufacturers: A. B. Chase, Bush & Gerts, Malcom Love and Woodward & Brown, sold for cash or on installments.

ORGANS
Of the very best make, sold for cash or on installments at reduced prices.

SEWING MACHINES
White, New Domestic, [illegible] Wheeler & Wilson machines hereafter for cash at a

Reduction of $25.00
from the list price of each machine, at my store. Now avail yourselves of this grand offer.
Piano and Organ Instruction Books, Sheet Music, Needles, Oil and all kinds of Fixtures for all kinds of Sewing Machines. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.
C. A. BURDICK.
Salesroom, Reilly Block,
Smethport, Pa.

REMOVED TO
The CALLAR BLOCK
JOHN MILLER.
THE FASHIONABLE TAILOR
CUTS OF LATEST STYLES
Free for the Inspection of Customers.
Neatest of Fits Guaranteed.
GIVE ME A TRIAL.
Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

For a
FINE, HOT OYSTER STEW
Step into the
Novelty Restaurant.
New York Counts,
Clams, Cigars and
Fine Confectionaries
Always on Hand.
THOMAS YOUNG, PROP'R.

A SINGULAR ABDUCTION

By RODRIGUES OTTOLENGUI.

[Copyright, 1896, by the Author.]

Mr Barnes was alone in his sanctum when an elderly man of cultured manners was ushered in. The visitor sank into a seat and began his appeal at once.

"Oh, Mr Barnes," said he, "I am in great distress. I hardly dared to hope that assistance were possible until I met my friend Leroy Mitchel. You know him?" Mr Barnes assented, with a smile, and the old man continued, "He told me that you could surely aid me."

"I will certainly do all that is in my power to serve a friend of Mr Mitchel's," said the detective.

"You are very kind. My last hope is dependent upon your success. But let me tell you the story. I am Richard Gedney, the broker. Perhaps you have heard the name." Mr Barnes nodded. "I thought so. Old Dick they call me on the street, and sometimes Old Nick, but that is only their little joke when the market goes against them. I do not think that they really dislike me, though I have made my fortune. I have never cheated any one nor been hard on a friend during all my career. But that is immaterial, except that it makes it hard to understand how any one could have done me so great an injury as to steal my daughter."

"Steal your daughter!" interrupted Mr Barnes. "Abduction?"

"Abduction, I suppose, is your technical term. I call it plain stealing. To take a girl of 14 away from her father's home is stealing, no more, no less."

"When did this occur?"

"Two days ago. Tuesday morning we missed her, though she may have been taken during the night. She was slightly sick on Monday evening, and her maid sent for the doctor, who ordered her to be put to bed and kept there. When he called again on Tuesday morning, he went to my little girl's room and was astonished to see that she was not there. A search was instituted under the supposition that, in the absence of her maid, she might have wandered to some other part of the house. But the child could not be found. It almost seemed as though she had vanished."

"Had you seen her yourself that morning?"

"I cannot too much condemn myself. You see I am an old whist player, and the temptation to play made me linger so late with some friends on Monday night that I preferred to remain in Newark, where I was, and so did not reach home until after 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning. By that time the misfortune had occurred."

"Have you discovered no clew to her whereabouts?"

"None. We have sent to all of our friends in the vain hope that she might have arisen early and gone out, but no one has seen her. She has disappeared as thoroughly as though she had been swallowed by an earthquake. Here, however, is a letter which reached me this morning. I cannot decide whether it is important or merely a cruel joke perpetrated by some crank who has heard of my misfortune."

He handed the letter to Mr. Barnes, who read as follows:

> Your daughter is safe if you are sensible. If you want her back, bid for her. Make your offer high enough, and she'll be with you. I will answer if you put a personal in The Herald addressed to "M. E."

"Mr Gedney," said Mr. Barnes, "this is a serious affair, but if this letter is genuine—as I think it to be—we can recover the girl, though we may have to pay a ransom. That depends on whether we are shrewder than the perpetrator of this crime, and he is no fool. Thus far he has proceeded with consummate skill."

"You say he. You think it is a man?"

"Not so fast, Mr Gedney. I cannot judge the sex yet. This letter is written on a typewriter, and the majority of operators are women. But we shall see. Other details must be gathered and studied. I will follow this up personally. Come! We will begin work at once."

They proceeded first to Herald square and left the following to be inserted in the next day's Herald:

> "M. E."—Communicate at once, stating lowest terms. GEDNEY.

Thence they went to Mr Gedney's house. Seating himself in a comfortable chair in the library, Mr. Barnes asked that the butler should be summoned. The man entered the room, and it was apparent at once from his deferential manner and attitude that he was a good servant of the English type. At the same time he eyed the stranger keenly, and throughout the interview answered with a deliberateness which showed that he weighed his words and would be very careful not to say anything which might be used against him, a phrase better known than understood. In short, whether or not he had anything to conceal, the butler was cautious because speaking to a detective.

"Moulton," began Mr. Barnes, "I am a detective."

"So I thought, sir," answered Moulton.

"And why, pray, did you think so?"

"Well, sir, I should say we need one, and you're a stranger to me, sir. I know all my master's friends."

"That is your only reason for suspecting my profession?"

"That's all, sir."

"Moulton, I am going to find out where your mistress has been taken." Mr Barnes said this suddenly and watched the man closely. Moulton seemed impassive, and his reply was noncommittal.

"I hope so, sir."

"Very well," said the detective. "Answer a few questions explicitly and you may give me great assistance. On Tuesday morning you admitted the doctor. At what time was it?"

"It was about 8 o'clock. We had just taken our seats at breakfast in the servants' hall when the bell rang. That is how I fix the hour. We are regular about meals in this house. We have our breakfast at 8, and the master eats at 9."

"What occurred when you admitted the doctor?"

"He asked for Miss Nora, and I said she was not down yet. He said he supposed he could go up, and I said I supposed he could, and he went."

"What did you do next?"

"I went back to my breakfast."

"Did you tell the maid that the doctor had called?"

"No, sir."

"Why not?"

"Well, partly because I did not think it necessary, and partly, I suppose, because she had not come into the breakfast room yet." Moulton smiled a little as though he thought that he had said something clever.

"Did the doctor find the maid in her mistress' room?"

"No, sir. I heard the doorbell again and went up. The doctor was standing in the hall. He said he rang the doorbell because he did not know how else to call me. Then he said Miss Nora had left her room, which was against the orders he gave the night before, and that I was to tell the maid to have her back in bed at once, and he would call again in an hour. I went back to the breakfast room, and this time the maid was there, and frightened she was when I gave her the message."

"When the doctor told you that Miss Nora was not in her room, were you surprised?"

"No, sir."

Upon this admission Mr Barnes asked quickly:

"You knew already that she had been stolen?"

But Moulton readily avoided a direct answer.

"Why, how should I know that, sir?" he asked quietly.

Mr Barnes observed him for a moment in silence and then asked to have the maid called. He told Moulton that he had finished with him "for the present," and the butler retired, with a satisfied smile upon his face.

While waiting for the maid Mr. Barnes addressed Mr Gedney.

"Mr Gedney," said he, "you have not told me the name of the doctor."

"His name is Donaldson—Stephen Donaldson."

"Has he served you long?"

"Ever since he came into this neighborhood, about three years ago. He first came to us at the time of my wife's death. I have retained him since that time. He is a good, kind man, and I think he is quite as fond of Elinora as I am myself. This explains his solicitude about her and his early call. He has a rather curious theory. He thinks she may have wandered off in her sleep during the night."

"Why, has she ever exhibited a tendency toward somnambulism?"

"Yes. At least we have found her asleep out of her own room, but nothing of the sort has happened for over two years, and I supposed that she had outgrown her sleep walking habit."

"This adds a most interesting phase," said Mr Barnes. "I would like to speak to Dr Donaldson about it. Do you think he will be here today?"

"I expect him, as he promised to come [illegible] this hour. Here is my daughter's maid."

The [illegible] attracted the attention of Mr Barnes [illegible]

"Come, my girl," said Mr Barnes [illegible] "you need not be frightened. I only wish to ask you a few questions. You are willing to help me to find your mistress, are you not?"

"Oh, indeed, indeed, yes, sir."

"Then tell me exactly how she was on Monday night when you sent for the doctor."

The girl composed herself with an effort, still finding it difficult to find proper words with which to address a detective.

"Miss Nora acted odd all Monday and was melancholy like. She'd sit and stare out of the window and not answer when I spoke to her. I thought perhaps something had bothered her, and so I left her alone, meaning to speak to Mr Gedney at dinner time. But he sent a telegram that he was going out of town. And so when Miss Nora wouldn't come down to dinner and wouldn't answer or look at me, but just kept staring out of the window, I got scared a little and thought best to send for Dr. Donaldson."

"What did he say when he examined your mistress?"

"He talked to her, but she wouldn't answer him either. He patted her on the head and said she was sulky. Then he told me perhaps she was angry because her father wouldn't come home, but that she must not be allowed to brood over trifles. He said I must put her to bed, and he left some medicine that he said would put her to sleep."

"Put her to sleep?" repeated Mr Barnes thoughtfully. "Did it occur to you that perhaps she was asleep already, even though her eyes were not closed?"

"No, sir, it didn't. But, now you speak of it, it wouldn't surprise me in the least. She certainly didn't act as though she was awake."

"Did you have any trouble to put her to bed?"

"No, sir, though that was strange. She just stood still and let me do everything. She did not help me, and she did not prevent me."

"When did you see her after that?"

"I never saw her after that," the maid cried softly.

"Was it not your duty to go to her room again before retiring yourself?"

"Yes, sir. But—but—but"— She seemed confused and stopped.

"Go on," said Mr Barnes. "Tell all that you know."

"I don't know anything, sir. Indeed I don't. I—I—I—well, I was later than I ought to have been going up stairs on account of company. So I just put my head in Miss Nora's room, and as everything was quiet I went on to my own room. It was nearly 2 o'clock."

"Then you do not really know that your mistress was in her room at that hour?"

"No, sir. I ought to know, but I don't."

"It is your duty to attend her in the morning, is it not?"

"Yes, sir, but she never wakes before 8 o'clock, and the doctor told me not to disturb her till he came. He said he wanted to wake her himself and see how she acted."

"But you were not in her room nor in the breakfast room at 8 o'clock." Mr Barnes scrutinized her closely. "Where were you?" The girl turned crimson and stammered a few words inaudibly.

"Come, tell me where you were," said Mr. Barnes sharply. "You were somewhere, you know. Where were you?"

"I was in the down stairs hallway," she said slowly.

"Doing what?"

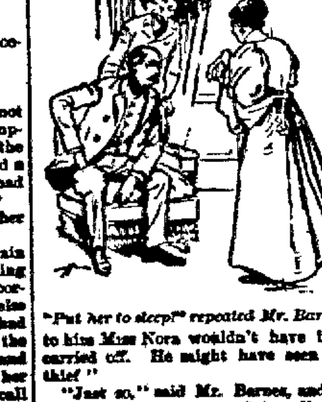
"I was talking to the policeman," she replied reluctantly.

"Your beau?" suggested Mr Barnes significantly.

"No, sir. He is my husband." She tossed her head defiantly now that her secret was divulged.

"Your husband!" said Mr. Barnes, slightly surprised. "Why, then, did you hesitate to speak of him?"

"Because—because"—she stammered once more and seemed troubled—"because maybe if I had not been talking to him Miss Nora wouldn't have been carried off. He might have seen the thief."



"Put her to sleep?" repeated Mr. Barnes.

"Just so," said Mr. Barnes, and as the doctor was announced he allowed the maid to go.

Dr Donaldson appeared to be a genial, elderly medical man of the old school—one of those who bring an atmosphere of convalescence and hope into sick chambers. Mr. Gedney introduced him to Mr Barnes, and he advanced and shook the detective cordially by the hand.

"I am delighted, Mr. Barnes, that my old friend Gedney has been sensible enough to engage you to unravel this affair rather than call in the police. The police are bunglers, who depend for success upon publicity and newspaper aid. This affair can be managed without publicity, eh? You have looked into the matter? What do you think?"

"That is precisely the question, doctor, which I was about to ask you. Mr Gedney tells me that you think somnambulism."

"Just so. But I only said it might be that. Doctors, you know, are as careful as detectives in forming conclusions. You have heard that I was called in to see the dear little girl on Monday night? Well, I found her in a strange mood. Thinking it over, I have almost convinced myself that what we took for stubbornness—sulks, I think I called it—was somnambulism—that, in fact, she was asleep when I saw her. That would account for her not replying to questions and offering no resistance when her maid removed her clothing to put her to bed. Still it is merely a guess. It is possible that she arose in the night and wandered out of the house. I only venture the suggestion as a vague clew for you to work from."

"What do you think of this letter?" asked Mr Barnes, handing him the anonymous communication signed "M. E."

The doctor read it twice over and then said:

"Looks more like somnambulism than ever. Don't you see? She must have dressed herself in the night and wandered off. Some one found her and has taken her home and now tries to make capital out of it. Will you notice this?"

"We have already inserted an advertisement in the Herald," said Mr Gedney, "asking for terms."

"I suppose that was the wisest course," said the doctor, "and I hope you will soon recover little Nora. I trust, though, that Mr Barnes may be able to save you paying out anything to the scoundrel. Well, other people are waiting for me," with which remark Dr Donaldson left the house.

Mr Barnes promised Mr Gedney to lose no time in his search and was leaving the house, when, at the door, the butler stopped him by saying:

"There's one thing, perhaps, sir, that I ought to tell you, though it may not amount to anything."

"What is it?" asked Mr Barnes.

"Well, sir, as you know, the master was out on Monday night. It was near 10 o'clock when the doorbell rang, which surprised me. I answered the bell, and it was Mr Mitchel."

"Mr Leroy Mitchel!" asked the detective, much interested.

"Yes, sir. He comes here often, though not so late at night. He said he was passing, and seeing a light in the library, thought he'd drop in and have a cigar with the master. When I told him Mr Gedney was not at home, he said it was of no consequence, and I needn't mention that he had called."

"Did you tell Mr Gedney of this visit?"

"No, sir, though I did think it odd to be asked to keep it a secret." The butler uttered the last word in a very suggestive tone, but the detective appeared not to notice it.

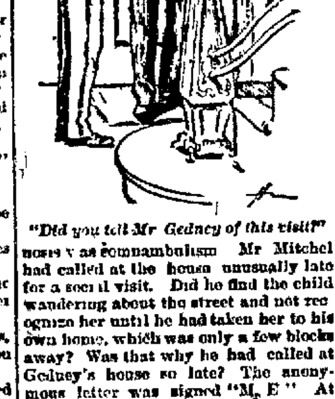
"I'll just step back and speak a word with Mr Gedney," said Mr Barnes after a brief pause. Finding that gentleman, he asked:

"By the way, Mr Gedney, when you spoke to Mr Mitchel about this matter what did he think of it? Did he express any opinion?"

"Yes. He said the doctor was most likely correct, and that he thought that Nora had merely wandered away in her sleep, that she was not really abducted at all. He told me to cheer up and not to worry about the girl, that she would [illegible] again. Then he sent me to you, saying you could find her without difficulty."

"He has faith in my abilities," muttered the detective, then added aloud, "I will endeavor to deserve Mr Mitchel's opinion," and once more withdrew.

On his way home Mr Barnes revolved an idea in his mind, trying to decide upon its probability. The maid had left the [illegible] in bed early in the evening and could not be sure that she was still there when she visited the room again at 2 o'clock. As a child she had walked in her sleep. The family physician's diagnosis was somnambulism. Mr Mitchel had called at the house unusually late for a social visit. Did he find the child wandering about the street and not recognize her until he had taken her to his own home, which was only a few blocks away? Was that why he had called at Gedney's house so late? The anonymous letter was signed "M. E." At first glance it seemed like a rather poor effort at a joke, the letters spelling "me." But they were capitals. Did the "M" indicate "Mitchel" and the "E" "Elinora?" Was this another little plot of Mr. Mitchel's to test Mr. Barnes' skill?



"Did you tell Mr Gedney of this visit?"

There was one vital objection to this line of reasoning. Why would Mr Mitchel permit his friend to suffer so much anxiety merely to gratify a whim, a hobby of outwitting a detective? Such an act would be an outrage on friendship. But then was it absolutely assured that Mr Gedney was not in the secret?

Thus the detective's mind was racked with argument during the day. He speculated upon Mr. Mitchel's connection with the affair. He wondered why the maid had retired so late that night. He asked himself the meaning of the butler's caution in his interview, and the object of his casting a suspicion upon Mr. Mitchel. Lastly, he found it difficult to decide exactly whether Dr. Donaldson and Mr. Gedney had been entirely honest with him. Did either or both know more than they had told or tell more than the facts? Was the whole sleep walking theory merely a trick to confuse him? He wished that he could certainly eliminate Mr Mitchel as a factor in the equation. Without him everything seemed clearer.

At 10 o'clock on the following morning Mr Gedney presented himself and handed Mr Barnes the following letter:

> Saw your advertisement and answer at once. I want $20,000. Let me emphasize the fact that I will not take less. You will wish to communicate with me. You can't catch me with decoy letters. Barnes is helping you. I know that, you see. He's a keen devil, but so am I. One of you be at the public telephone in Hoffman House at 2 o'clock on the stroke. I will call you up. When you answer, I will say "M. E." You will recognize the signal and do all the talking. Your detective shan't hear my voice. I may need his valuable aid myself in the future. I inclose a piece of the girl's cloth dress and a lock of her hair. M. E.

"Mr Gedney," said Mr Barnes, "I suppose this bit of hair and scrap of cloth satisfy you that the scoundrel really has your child?"

"Yes. I am convinced of that."

"Then I will recover her and without ransom too. Mark that. Meet me at the Hoffman House at the appointed hour."

During the morning Mr. Barnes wrote the following note:

> Dr Donaldson:
>
> DEAR SIR—The person who has the child wants a large ransom. I am determined to recover her without payment of money. To follow a clew that I have it is important to know the exact size of the girl. As a physician you can guess this even better than the father. Also inform me of any peculiarity or mark known to you by which I could recognize her alive or dead. I say dead because the party at present suspected would stop at nothing to shield himself from arrest. Please answer by bearer.
>
> Yours truly, J. BARNES.

This he sent by messenger and received the following reply:

> I hope you will succeed. Elinora is small and slim, being rather undersized for her age. I should say about 4 feet 10 inches. I know of no distinctive mark whereby her body could be recognized and hope that nothing of the sort suggested will occur. Yours truly,
>
> ROBERT DONALDSON.

At 2 o'clock Mr Barnes and Mr Gedney met at the Hoffman House. The detective received permission to conduct the conversation. The signal was received promptly, and Mr Barnes thus addressed "M. E." over the telephone:

"We will pay the amount demanded if the girl is restored unharmed. Notify us immediately when and where the exchange may be made."

Leaving the hotel, the detective said:

"You must obtain $20,000 in cash, Mr Gedney. We will need it, but if my plans are successful I shall be able to recover the money as well as the girl. Are you satisfied?"

"I have perfect confidence in your skill, Mr Barnes," was the reply.

On the next day the following letter was received by Mr Gedney:

> So you accept my terms. I ought to have asked more but will deal squarely and not raise you. The matter can be settled at once. That you may be sure your girl has suffered no harm, which I understand is the condition of your acceptance, let your embassador be your friend Dr Donaldson. He knows her and can judge [illegible] physical condition. Let him leave his house at midnight and drive up Madison avenue slowly until hailed by the signal "M. E." If he is alone, and no one follows him, [illegible] If your detective tries any tricks I will [illegible] and if [illegible] cash and deliver [illegible]

When Dr Donaldson was approached upon this subject, he offered many objections, but was finally prevailed upon to undertake the delicate mission.

Shortly after midnight Mr Barnes and Mr Gedney were awaiting the return of the doctor when Mr Mitchel was announced. Mr Barnes had invited him to be present, but was in doubt whether he would accept or not. If he had the girl in his possession it seemed improbable, unless indeed Dr Donaldson were in the secret.

"Well, Mr Barnes!" said Mr Mitchel after an exchange of greetings, "so you have unraveled this case?"

"Well, not entirely. There are still a few knotty skeins. But wait awhile, and you will see whether I succeed or fail."

It was nearly 1 o'clock when at last a carriage stopped at the house, and a few minutes later the doctor entered bearing Elinora in his arms.

"My daughter!" exclaimed the father excitedly. "Thank heaven, she is restored to me!"

"Yes," said the doctor, "she is safe enough, but I think she has been drugged, for she has slept ever since I received her."

"Did you have any difficulty?" asked Mr Barnes, entering at this moment. He had lingered outside long enough to exchange a word with the butler.

"No trouble at all," replied the doctor. "I drove slowly as far as One Hundred and Second street, when I heard the signal and drew up near the curb. A man came out of the shadow of a building and asked if I had the cash. I replied affirmatively. He went back to the doorway and returned with the girl in his arms, but with a pistol pointed at me. I handed him the packet of bills, and he passed me the girl. He stood with his pistol pointed in my direction until I drove away. So there was nothing that I could do. He will undoubtedly escape punishment for this villainy."

"I cannot agree with you, doctor," said Mr Barnes calmly. "I think he will be fully punished."

"In what way?" asked the doctor amazed. "Oh, I see! You mean by his conscience?"

"Partly," said Mr Barnes. "Excuse me a moment, and I will explain more fully."

He went to the door and admitted the butler and the same policeman who had been off his beat talking with the maid. Before his purpose was comprehended Mr Barnes said sharply, "Officer, arrest that man," whereupon the policeman seized the doctor and held him despite his struggles.

"What does this outrage mean?" screamed the doctor, fighting desperately to liberate himself.

"Put on the manacles, officer," said Mr Barnes quietly, and while this was being done he deftly removed a pistol from the doctor's pocket.

"There, now," continued the detective, "we can talk without risk."

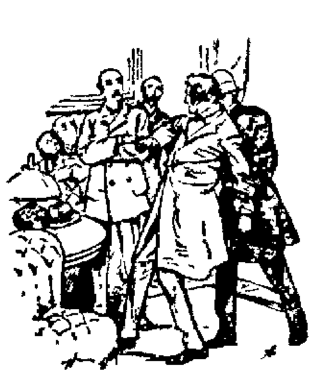
"I suppose you have the right man?" said Mr Mitchel, "or you would not go to such extremes. Give us the details. How did you solve the riddle?"

"Riddle?" said Mr Barnes. "Well, do you know, I thought it a riddle, and one created by you, until a very few moments ago. It was only when you came in awhile ago that I eliminated you from the case."

Mr Mitchel laughed heartily.

"Fie, fie!" said he. "You are fighting windmills. You must not look for my hand in all criminal cases that come to you. But why should my coming here affect your views?"

"You would never have left the most important part of the job to an assistant. You did that once, you know, and I beat you. But let me explain how I solved this puzzle. At one time I suspected the butler here because of his unnecessary caution in answering questions. Later I concluded that it was merely a personal characteristic to make noncommittal replies. It is a sort of requisite with good servants to evade catechism. The clew came to me with the reply to our personal. The envelope was postmarked the night before, and thus was actually mailed before the newspaper was printed, an oversight on the part of the writer. No one knew of the advertisement except ourselves and Dr Donaldson, unless you had mentioned it, Mr Gedney. As you might have done so, and as the butler was still under suspicion, as well as the maid who was up so late when she should have been caring for the young mistress, I had to look farther for convincing proof. The letter itself was written in typewriting, and I observed a curious error in the spelling of two words. I found 'emphasiize' and 'recogniize.' In each, instead of the 'z' there was a repetition of the 'i,' that letter being doubled. The watermark on the paper was 'Caligraph,' the name of a typewriter, a mark which is on all the paper sold by the company controlling that instrument. In that machine the bar which carries the letter 'i' is next to that which carries the letter 'z.' It is not an uncommon thing when a typewriter is out of order for two bars to fail to pass one another. Thus, in writing 'emphasize,' a rapid writer would strike the z key before the 'i' bar had fully descended. The 'z' bar, rising, would strike the i and carry it up again, thus doubling the letter 'i' instead of writing 'iz.' The repetition of such a mistake proved that the machine was faulty. I wrote to Dr Donaldson asking about the size of the girl and for marks whereby her body could be 'recognized.' I used the words 'size' and 'recognize,' hoping to tempt him to repeat them in replying. My letter was also worded so that he would imagine that I already suspected some one other than himself. In his answer I found the word 'recogniized' and a similar one, 'undersiized.' In both the double 'i' error reappeared. Thus I was sure of my man. When we received the proposal that he himself should be our embassador, the trick was only too transparent. But not yet entirely satisfied, I set another trap. I secretly placed a cyclometer on the doctor's carriage. He says that tonight he drove to One Hundred and Second street and back here, a total of eight miles. The butler obtained the cyclometer for me when the carriage stopped, and it shows that he drove less than a mile. He simply waited at his house until the proper time and then came over."



"What does this outrage mean?"

"Bravo, Mr Barnes!" exclaimed Mr Mitchel. "You are certainly improving."

"But how did he get Elinora?" asked Mr Gedney.

"I am afraid that your daughter is ill," said Mr Barnes. "I judge from the description given by the maid that her condition was not somnambulism as the doctor suggested, but that she is suffering from an attack of catalepsy. When he called in the morning, finding the maid absent and the girl still in a trance, he quickly dressed her and carried her down to his carriage. There was no risk, for had he been seen, though balked in his purpose, he could have explained that she needed fresh air, and that he was taking her for a drive, and, as the family physician, no wrong would have been apparent. I promised to recover your daughter and your money, Mr Gedney. We will find the money at the doctor's office, I suppose." This proved true.

Mr Mitchel walked with Mr. Barnes when they left the house, and he asked:

"How do you account for the singular circumstance that a prominent man like Donaldson would stoop to such a crime?"

"That is an interesting query," replied the detective. "In the first place many men are honest not from any inherent integrity, but rather through cowardice. They fear the law. Given an opportunity which seems safe, they readily follow their criminal bent. Secondly, abduction is a rare crime for several reasons. It is difficult to obtain possession of the child, it is risky to carry on the necessary communications which must ensue, and it is very hard to find a way of receiving the ransom without detection. All of these points this man thought he could overcome. The temptation came to him during the night after his first visit. He recognized the catalepsy and knew that no resistance would be made to his carrying the child off, and that she would not tell where she had been during the trance, even after her recovery. The opportunity came on the following morning, when he found the girl unguarded. He could not resist it. He cleverly managed the communications by telephone and by writing with a typewriter, which would not ordinarily have betrayed him as it did. Lastly, as he was commissioned to take the ransom to himself, detection seemed impossible."

"Yet despite all his cleverness," moralized Mr Mitchel, "the rogue made two fatal slips, and these brought him his doom. Good night, Mr. Barnes."

THE END.

Washington's Camp Dinner

The following pleasant letter was written by General Washington to Dr Cochrane, a surgeon general in the Continental army. It is dated West Point, Aug. 16, 1779, and is printed in the Philadelphia Saturday Review:

DEAR DOCTOR—I have asked Mrs. Cochrane and Mrs. Livingstone to dine with me tomorrow, but I am not in honor bound to apprise them of their fare. As I hate deception, even where the imagination only is concerned, I will. It is needless to premise that my table is large enough to hold the ladies. Of this they had ocular proof yesterday. To say how it is covered is rather more essential, and this shall be the purport of my letter.

Since our arrival at this happy spot we have had a ham, sometimes a shoulder of bacon, to grace the head of the table. A piece of roast beef adorns the foot, and a dish of beans or greens almost imperceptibly decorates the center.

When the cook has a mind to cut a figure, which I presume will be the case tomorrow, we have two beefsteak pies or a dish of crabs in addition, one on each side of center dish, dividing the space, reducing the distance between dishes about six feet, which without them would be nearly 12 feet apart.

Of late he has had the surprising sagacity to discover that apples will make pies, and it is a question if, in the violence of his efforts, we do not get one of apple instead of both of beefsteaks.

If the ladies can put up with such entertainment and will submit to partake of it on plates once tin, but now iron (not become so by the labor of scouring), I shall be happy to see them, and am, dear doctor, yours, G. WASHINGTON.

BALDY'S LAST TUNE.

By MARTHA McCULLOCH WILLIAMS.

[Copyright, 1896, by the Author.]

"Almighty God, Father in heaven, forgive thy unworthy servant the sins he daily commits."

"Don't, pop, don't! Whenever you git the prayin fit, it brings me bad luck."

"Luck! What has luck to do with souls as you? There's no chance for you to lose except when you want to."

"But a mighty heap of chance for me not to win when the other feller holds all the cyards. Don't be soft, pop. If whatever it is that sits up above us keeps any sort of accounts, I reckon you started with such a big credit it ain't nigh balanced yit. Seems to me you used to read somethin 'bout him that saveth a soul from death shall hide a multitude of sins."

"Silence! How dare you—"

"Dare? I dare anything because I am your son, I reckon. I've heard tell as you wasn't afraid of nothin, not even satan. Besides I remember that last camp meetin, the love feast an the [illegible] crowdin round an huggin you an [illegible] how your prayin had kept [illegible] out of the fire an brimstone. It made me proud of you, pop—it did indeed. I most felt like I'd be a preacher myself, but I—well, afterward."

A swift harshness came upon both faces. The elder man said grimly:

"Afterward you changed your mind. Well, you had good reason to do it." Then dropping his face in his hands an [illegible] very low: "Do you know, Jim, if I was sure of heaven—as sure as I felt in them times—I'd give it up for just one year of the old life—ridin an preachin six days in seven an comin home to the poor little house that held you—an Sally"—choking a bit over the name.

"Tell me one thing," the other said, a dark red flushing all over his face. "Did you give up all that for—just a horse?"

The old man shrank uneasily from his son's keen look. He opened his lips as though to speak, then shut them once, turned away and began fumbling with the keys of an old fiddle. Jim went on remorselessly:

"If you did, you must 'a' been crazy. [illegible] to think about that night—it was August [illegible] out of it [illegible] in the [illegible] Then some [illegible] horse [illegible] till mornin, an I knew I must go away with you."

"What made you do it, Jim? I've [illegible] couldn't [illegible] look in at his son.

Jim [illegible] Because she said I [illegible]

Warm [illegible] with [illegible] tears dropped over the [illegible] my [illegible]

[illegible] speculation [illegible]

[illegible] What are [illegible] tonight?"

"What of the game?"

[illegible] If not, I'll [illegible]

"[illegible] a bluff [illegible] If [illegible] call him an [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

"Your [illegible] you think [illegible] I mind what I [illegible] if it was to help you?"

"Say you rather— But let that tune alone. You play 500 other ones. It's Christmas eve, an I feel enough like somethin was about to happen without [illegible] that tune in a gamblin den."

"Well, you won't hear it tonight unless there's danger—dreadful danger—ahead. Somehow I'm a bit shaky, too, an all this improvin conversation we've had hasn't helped to set me up."

"Try this—it's the only friend I [illegible]," Jim said, pouring a glass half full of whisky and handing it to his father.

"Half that, Jimmy—half—just enough to make my wits an fingers nimble," the old man said, eying the glass thirstily, but not touching it.

Without a word Jim poured part of the liquor on the floor, then, as his father snatched the glass and drained it, he said slowly:

"I'll wait till after the game to drink damnation to Colonel Clay."

The old man got up with sparkling eyes. "The blue devils are all gone, Jim," he said, catching up his fiddle and striking a bar or two of "Off to Charleston." "Keep a level head, my

[CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Winter Suits.

Make your selection from our varied assortment of modest, genteel suits. Our business suits have wearing properties that make them all wool wonders—$6.50, $8, $10, $18.

Overcoat values unequalled elsewhere.

GREENEWALD'S
124 MAIN STREET,
Bradford.

A Pair of Club Skates Free with every Boys' Suit or Overcoat.

McKean County Miner

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JAN. 29, 1897

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Smethport, Pa., January 25th, 1897.

Editor Miner: Please announce that I am a candidate for re-nomination for the office of Additional Law Judge of the 48th Judicial District, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

T. A. MORRISON.

POLITICS in New York State have taken such a turn since Platt's election to the United States Senate that even the governor has turned Black.

JUDGE MORRISON'S boom for re-election seems to have struck flood tide, judging by the many favorable comments made by the press of the district.

COL. ROBERT G. INGERSOLL is about to resume his lecture work, having recovered from his attack of sciatic rheumatism. He will begin his work next Sunday in New England, with a new lecture on "How to Reform Mankind."—Phila. Press. We supposed his next lecture would be on Kentucky, as the blue grass State gave its electoral vote for McKinley.

SENATOR QUAY should have the sympathy of every citizen of the State. He labored so hard for the election of Boies Penrose to the United States Senate that he has been compelled to forego his duties in the upper House of Congress, and betake himself to Florida to recuperate his run down condition. It is a fine thing to be a Senator of Pennsylvania and enjoy the balmy air of Florida. He will not return to his arduous duties in the Senate until the 1st of March, when he will attend the inauguration, and then away again to Florida.

A BILL has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature forbidding the promiscuous distribution of patent medicine vendors of pamphlets and bills describing the symptoms of the disease. There are cases on record of [illegible] persons who have worried themselves into a decline over fancied symptoms, and people of weak nerves are no doubt often much injured by seeing these ugly pictures and uglier descriptions of disease. This is a direct blow at the free almanac industry.—Oil City Derrick. Such a measure would certainly result in the abatement of a public nuisance, and our own State should do likewise.

WE are authorized to announce the name of Hon. T. A. Morrison, of McKean county, for re-nomination for the office of Additional Law Judge for the counties of Potter and McKean, subject to the usages of the Republican county convention. Judge Morrison is too well known to the voters of Potter county to need any introduction at this time. He is the present incumbent of the office and in the six past years has proved his true worth in that capacity. He is capable and a thorough master of the laws' intricacies and withal a man of cool head and remarkably sound judgment. Every Republican voter in this judicial district can well afford to support the Hon. T. A. Morrison.—Potter Enterprise.

IN its proper place will be found, this week, the announcement of the candidacy of Hon. T. A. Morrison for re-election as Additional Law Judge of the 48th Judicial District. Judge Morrison brought to the bench, when first appointed in 1887, a well trained legal mind and a thorough knowledge of law. He has served in both counties of the district with marked ability, having been sustained in his decisions by the higher courts more frequently than the majority of the Common Pleas judges throughout the State. It is generally understood that Potter will acquiesce in the choice of McKean county Republicans in this matter, and Judge Morrison's re-nomination would be followed by a re-election without a doubt.—Potter Journal.

THE STAR'S OPINION.

Judge Morrison's announcement was received too late yesterday to admit of editorial mention; but the publication of the notice was sufficient to all practical purposes, inasmuch as it fulfilled the wish of the people of the district, irrespective of party. Judge Morrison, "like good wine, needs no bush," but the Star does not deny itself the pleasure of testifying to his worth. Judge Morrison has been an able and fearless judge. He has to a marked degree the judicial temperament which does not permit sentiment or prejudice to sway the judgment but which weighs every question in the scales of justice. His knowledge of the law is profound and his decisions are rarely reversed. During his term he has had to adjudicate many important matters involving intricate points of law which had not been passed upon by the courts and his decisions have almost uniformly stood the test of submission to the court of last resort. It is impossible that all litigants should be satisfied; but in cases wherein his decisions have appeared to bear heavily against a litigant the fault has not been in the judge but in the law which he has sworn to administer justly. Judge Morrison has won the confidence and respect of the bar and of the public by his ability and integrity. He is known as a judge who will do what he believes to be right without fear or favor, and the results show that what he believes to be legal right usually is right. Judge Morrison has more than local fame as a jurist and is frequently called to preside over the courts in other districts when important cases are to be tried. The 48th district is exceptionally fortunate in having so able and upright a judge, and, what is not always the case, the district is fully aware of its good fortune and [illegible] no justification to make a change. The sentiment of McKean county is overwhelmingly in favor of Judge Morrison for a second term and it is not likely that he will have serious opposition from any quarter. It would be a graceful and deserved recognition of eminent service to the bench if the Democrats should make no nomination but should unite with the Republicans in making Judge Morrison's election unanimous.

[illegible] ROAD LAW.

Senator Brown's road bill, which was read in place in the Senate to-day, provides for a [illegible] appropriation from 1897 [illegible] for building of State roads, these [illegible] to be distributed by the Auditor General [illegible] to the number of miles in each township in the State, and to be [illegible] by the county [illegible]. This [illegible] for the election of [illegible] to be [illegible] in each township. A uniform system of road improvement is to be adopted by this convention, which is to meet annually on the first Monday in March. Supervisors are to be elected for three years in each township, and must give $5,000 bond.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, '97.—If John Bull is really behind that sensational protest against the Nicaragua canal bill, made to Secretary Olney by the minister of the Greater Republic of Central America, and sent to the Senate by Secretary Olney, John Bull has made a break by showing his hand too soon. Of course the protest, by showing that the government of Nicaragua already regards the canal company as having forfeited all the concessions granted it by that government, will kill the present Nicaragua canal bill, but it will also go much further. It may kill the arbitration treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Great Britain. It has been openly charged on the floor of the Senate that English diplomacy was working through the combination of those three little Central American Republics to put England in a position where it could either control or have a share in controlling the Nicaragua ship canal. This may or may not be true, but so long as there are grounds for suspicion, there will be danger that the arbitration treaty will be rejected by the Senate. If there is one policy upon which the Senate is practically a unit, it is that the Nicaragua canal shall, if ever completed, be controlled by the United States, and if it be shown that this question might have to be submitted to arbitration with the casting vote, in the hands of a European monarch, then goodbye to the arbitration treaty. The Senators who have openly protested against the public clamor for the immediate ratification of the treaty, on the ground that it was too important a matter to be hurriedly acted upon, regard this Nicaragua canal incident as a vindication of their position. Secretary Olney, however, doesn't take that view of it, and would not have been so prompt in sending that protest to the Senate had he supposed that it would cause additional delay in acting on the treaty.

Some of his colleagues are inclined to poke fun at Senator Peffer because of the petition from Kansas Populists against increasing the salaries of Senators and Representatives and extending the term of the President, he has presented since he was defeated, and an ex Confederate elected to be his successor. There isn't the slightest probability that the bill to increase the salaries of Senators and Representatives will even be seriously considered, but Senator Peffer is jocularly accused of holding back those petitions until he knew he would have to leave the Senate.

The refusal to appoint a woman to a vacant $1800 clerkship in the War department, for which she had passed a very difficult examination and was the only one eligible under civil service rules, is likely to be made the subject of a Congressional investigation. The examination required that the applicant should be able to translate into English military works in French, German, Italian and Spanish, to do typewriting in all of these languages; to do proof reading and prepare manuscript for the press, to be familiar with library methods, cataloguing, indexing, etc., also to be tested in the use of the English language and literary composition. Miss Maud Stalnaker, of Washington, D. C., was the only one who was able to pass the examination, but the war department refuses to appoint her to the position because she is a woman.

So much has been written about the lack of dignity on the part of ex-Representative "Billy" Mason of Illinois, who was last week named by the legislature as Senator Palmer's successor, that his friends are rightfully beginning to protest. Mr. Mason is popular in Washington. He is a man of fine instincts, and it is merely his love for a good story and a hearty laugh—traits of Lincoln—that have caused him to be called undignified. One of the Illinois Representatives gives this picture of him that will be at once recognized by all who know him "He is one of the readiest gentlemen I ever knew to do a favor for a friend. Trouble doesn't count with Billy Mason when asked to render a service by any one who has a claim on his good will. I have seen that trait of his nature exemplified a hundred times. There is a big heartedness and sunny disposition about the man that attracts all who are thrown into his company. He will make a good Senator, even if he does lack in conventionality and owlish dignity."

The vacancy in the Senate from Delaware is going to cause a fight at the present session. Whether it will be a three cornered fight is yet to be settled. The committee on elections has not reported on the petition of Col. Dupont to have his application for the seat reopened, the credentials of Mr. Addicks, who claims to have been elected by one of the Delaware legislatures sitting last week, have already been presented to the Senate and those of Mr. Kenney, the silver Democrat who claims to have been elected by the other legislature, will be presented this week, and presented, too, by Senator Gray, the Cleveland Democrat.

THE PROPOSED ANTI-TREATING LAW.

Another attempt, it is said, is to be made to break up the habit of treating, by the passage of a law imposing a fine upon the treater and treatee, and in addition making it an offense to give away liquor, malt or spirituous. There may be some chance of such a law receiving the sanction of the legislature, for no other reason than the immense relief it would afford to politicians seeking office in a region where drinking places abound. Just think what it would save them if, in their rounds hunting for votes, they could go into a saloon and be able to go out again without buying a single drink, and at the same time incur no risk of losing votes or prestige, and think how cheaply they could electioneer and urge their claims if they did not have to back their arguments by presents of barrels of beer and demijohns of whiskey. One would think that they would jump at the chance of passing such a law.

We have become so accustomed to the habit of treating that we *forget* that, as an institution, it is peculiar to this country. In Europe to pay for the drink of another, in a public house, would in many instances be considered as much of an insult as to offer alms. It would amount to an intimation that the person treated had no money with which to pay for what he wanted.

It leads here to persons drinking vastly more than they intended to, and in encouraging a vast army of impecunious persons of bibulous propensities to hang around for the purpose of profiting by the generosity of the treater. It is hardly possible, however, that it will ever be abolished by law, however desirable it may be that the custom should cease. As long as it is lawful to buy a drink, it will hardly be held to be within the power of the legislator to say that it shall be unlawful to buy one for someone else, or to make a present to another of a commodity which has been lawfully acquired.—Pittsburg Times.

The Times' idea is all right, but it does not go far enough. Put the seller, as well as the consumer, under a penalty. If the seller allows one person to treat another, revoke the license. Social drinking is the curse of the land, and leads to more intoxication than anything else. No man, unless he has become a regular sot, will stand and drink alone until he becomes intoxicated. Stop treating and nine-tenths of the drinking will cease.

A ROYAL ARBITRATOR.

There are many who are not familiar with the history of the 5th arbitrator in the Venezuelan boundary question. England chooses two, the United States selects two, and then the two nations unite upon the fifth, who is to be entirely disinterested in the question at issue. Below will be found a short sketch of Oscar II, King of Sweden and Norway, whom the two governments have invited either to be president of the tribunal which is to decide the questions in dispute, or to select the president. There are to be five members of this court of arbitration. The Supreme Court of the United States will designate two, and the English High Court of Justice two. National sympathies may, and probably will, lead to a tie vote, so far as those four members are concerned, so it was important that the fifth member should not only be a man of sound judgment, but one absolutely disinterested. Such a man the two governments have found in King Oscar, who, whether he sits himself, or is represented by some judge of his selection, cannot be suspected of having any interests of his own to serve by the decisions he may render. It may safely be affirmed that no better choice could have been made. King Oscar is a man of marked ability and high character. He is sixty seven years old and has reigned twenty-four years. He is a grandson of Marshal Bernadotte, one of the first Napoleon's officers, who in the general European upheaval of the Napoleonic period, was invited to occupy the throne of Sweden and Norway. The experiment of intrusting the destinies of the united kingdom to the guidance of a French general, who could not even speak the language of the people whom he undertook to rule, was extremely hazardous, but Bernadotte proved to be a wise and patriotic ruler. During his reign he maintained the honor and dignity of the country in exceptionally difficult circumstances. His son, Oscar I, who succeeded him, was even more popular than his father. The interest he took in the welfare of his people and the reforms he initiated, endeared him to both nations. His wife, a granddaughter of the unhappy Josephine, the first wife of the Emperor Napoleon was almost idolized by the people. Their children, of whom the present king was the third, were trained by her with singular devotion. All of them proved worthy of the care bestowed upon them. Oscar, especially, who, in his boyhood, was not expected to come to the throne, was an ardent student. He is an accomplished linguist, a musician of great skill, and a statesman of the first order. He is the author of several learned works, as well as of volumes of poetry and fiction. His kindness, benevolence and sympathy with the unfortunate among his people, have won for him a sincere and affectionate loyalty. He possesses, too, in a high degree, the sagacity which is required for the performance of the duties he is now invited to undertake, as president of the tribunal on the Venezuelan question. It will be noticed that Venezuela is not directly represented on the tribunal and that fact may prejudice her against the arrangement, but it is hoped that she will be satisfied that her interests will be sufficiently protected by the two members who will represent the United States. The arrangement is a distinct triumph of American diplomacy, and is creditable to all parties. We may hope that the decision of the tribunal will be so equitable that other nations will be encouraged to resort to arbitration instead of to war, and so the world may have a foretaste of that time of which the prophet wrote.

> He shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many peoples, nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more (Isa. 2 4)

IN the legislatures of Indiana and Nebraska bills have been introduced prohibiting foot ball playing. If this become a general law, barbers will be inclined to offer a vote of thanks to the projectors of the measure.

One thing is certain, it will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, if not consumption, invariably result from a neglected cold. It is surprising too, that bad colds are so often neglected when one remembers how easily and at what little expense they may be cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is always prompt and effectual, and costs but a trifle, 25 or 50 cents is a trifle as compared with the disastrous effects of a neglected cold. Mr. Abner Mercer of Dilworthtown, Chester county, Pa., in speaking of this remedy, said: "Some time ago I had a bad cold and cough. I tried almost everything. Finally Mr. Hunt, the druggist, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one 50 cent bottle of it cured me entirely." For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3 and 4, valid to return March 4 to 8, at the following rates.

From Buffalo, $11.30 Rochester $11.00 Wellington N. Y. $11.70 Newark, N. Y. $11.20; Canandaigua, $11.00, Penn Yan, $11.00 Watkins, $11.00, Elmira, $10.75 Erie 11.00 Corry $10.75 Warren, $10.75 Williamsport, $8.70 Wilkesbarre $8.40, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, postmaster at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my hands or arms, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since." People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines. For sale A. B. Armstrong.

Crosby School Report.

The following pupils of Crosby school have been perfect in attendance during the fourth month.

Burg Bartlett, Everett Elridge, Charles Sturdivant, Floyd Sturdivant, Emerson Timmerman, John Whitelaw, Ezza Erhart, Alice Hall, Louis Hughes, Flora Jourdan, Inez Mosier, Jane Parson, Roxie Previs, Agnes Whitelaw.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of breaking colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Kasmis, Mercer county, Pa. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our families, and it is a favorite among our customers. Heober Bros. & Co. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

House for Rent.

House with seven rooms, piped for gas and water. Price $6.00 per month. Water free. Inquire of

D. C. YOUNG.

Cash Register and Safe for sale cheap. Inquire of Dr. BURG CHADWICK.

Cloaks at and below cost at J. Colegrove's.

Well Satisfied with Ayer's Hair Vigor.

"Nearly forty years ago, after some weeks of sickness, my hair turned gray. I began using Ayer's Hair Vigor, and was so well satisfied with the results that I have never tried any other kind of dressing. It requires only an occasional application of AYER'S Hair Vigor to keep my hair of a good color, to remove dandruff, to heal itching humors, and prevent the hair from falling out. I never hesitate to recommend Ayer's medicine to my friends."—Mrs. H. M. HAIGHT, Avoca, Nebr.

AYER'S Hair Vigor

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for the Complexion.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 173, June Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Dora F. Guild did, on the 1st day of April, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, William F. Guild.

We therefore command you, the said William F. Guild, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Dora F. Guild, and show cause, if any you have why the said Dora F. Guild your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS Sheriff.
Berry & Fogett, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 25, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 290, October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Sarah J. Lorenz did on the 1st day of September, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Philip Lorenz.

We therefore command you, the said Philip Lorenz, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of Sarah J. Lorenz and show cause if any you have why the said Sarah J. Lorenz your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS Sheriff.
W. E. Burdick, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 183 October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county greeting:

Whereas Wm. H. Aiken did, on the 31st day of July, 1896, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Jennie B. Aiken.

We therefore command you, the said Jennie B. Aiken that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of William H. Aiken and show cause, if any you have, why the said William H. Aiken, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
S. W. Smith Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 163, June Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Wilhelmina Fryckholm by her next friend, H. Holm did, on the 11th day of March 1896 prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Axel Theodor Fryckholm.

We therefore command you the said Axel Theodor Fryckholm that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Wilhelmina Fryckholm and show cause if any you have why the said Wilhelmina Fryckholm your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS Sheriff.
N. C. MacEwen, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 14 October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Margaret M. Darrison by her next friend, Geo. Pritchard, did on the 1st day of June, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Oliver H. Darrison.

We therefore command you, the said Oliver H. Darrison, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Margaret M. Darrison and show cause if any you have, why the said Margaret M. Darrison your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
M. H. Byles, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 288, October Term, 1896.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Jane Ann Cole did on the 21st day of August 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Joseph Crandall Cole.

We therefore command you the said Joseph Crandall Cole, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Jane Ann Cole and show cause, if any you have, why the said Jane Ann Cole, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.
H. S. Rogers Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINistrators, Executors and Guardians have been settled in the office of the Register in and for the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, the same will be presented for confirmation at an Orphan's Court to be held at Smethport, in and for said county, on the 22nd day of February A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

First and final account of C. D. Comes, executor of the last will and testament of Polly V. Comes, deceased.

First and final account of Geo. Winkler, executor of the last will and testament of Jeremiah Shea, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Moody, administrator c. t. a., of the estate of Franklin Mix, deceased.

First and partial account of O. D. Coleman and F. M. Coleman, administrators of the estate of Horace Coleman, deceased.

First and final account of John Lincoln, administrator of the estate of W. S. Lincoln, deceased.

First and final account of L. C. Devlaney, administrator of the estate of F. B. Johnson, deceased.

First and final account of Sheridan Gorton, guardian of the person and estate of Althea E. Coo, minor child of John R. Coo, late of Lafayette township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Cara M. Erickson, administratrix of the estate of Frick A. Erickson, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.
Smethport Pa., Jan. 28, 1897.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETters of Administration on the estate of Ira S. Gleason, late of Smethport, McKean county Pa., deceased, have been granted to E. C. Gleason, residing in Smethport, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

E. C. GLEASON, Administrator.
Jan. 22, 1897.—3-t.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or description any bridge, on stone work and complete entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. REILLY, Contractor,
40-1yr. Smethport, Pa.

Harper's Bazar
IN 1897.

The BAZAR, a thoroughly up-to-date periodical for women, will enter upon its thirtieth volume in 1897.

As a fashion journal it is unsurpassed, and is an indispensable requisite for every well dressed woman. Katharine De Forest writes a weekly letter on current fashions from Paris. In NEW YORK FASHIONS, and in the fortnightly pattern-sheet supplement, ladies find full details, directions and diagrams for gowns, wraps and children's clothing. Sandoz, Baude, and Chapuis draw and engrave the newest and finest Parisian designs every week.

The serials for 1897 will be THE RED BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD, by Maria Louise Pool, and FATHER QUINNAILLON, by Octave Thanet. Short stories will be constantly presented by brilliant writers, among whom are Mary E. Wilkins, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Marion Harland, Ruth McEnery Stuart, Viola Roseboro, and Margaret Sutton Briscoe.

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING in various parts of the Union will form a series of special interest.

Other interesting features are The Outdoor Woman devoted to healthful sports and pastimes; Music, a weekly critical summary of music in New York; Amateur Theatricals; Embroidery and Needlework; Ceremony and Etiquette; Good Housekeeping; WHAT GIRLS ARE DOING; Current Social Events; and Personals gleaned from original sources.

WOMEN AND MEN. Colonel T. W. Higginson will regularly continue his valuable essays.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. This column is conducted for the benefit and convenience of readers, and all questions received are answered in rotation, as promptly and fully as practicable.

ART. The BAZAR is a notable picture gallery, reproducing the most beautiful work of American and foreign artists, as presented in the annual Paris and New York exhibitions. WIT AND HUMOR. Everybody turns for a hearty laugh to the BAZAR'S last page.

AN ALL ROUND WOMAN'S PAPER. What more appropriate gift can be made to wife, daughter and sister than a subscription to HARPER'S BAZAR? Secure it as a welcome visitor to your household for 1897.

Newspapers are not to copy this advertisement without the express order of Harper & Bros.

Harper's Bazar
For one year, $4.00
Postage Free to all subscribers in the United States, Canada and Mexico.
Address HARPER & BROTHERS, P. O. Box 959 N. Y. City.

HAVE YOU READ THE PHILADELPHIA TIMES THIS MORNING?

The Times is the most extensively circulated and widely read newspaper published in Pennsylvania. Its discussion of public men and public measures is in the interest of public integrity honest government and prosperous industry, and it knows no party or personal allegiance in treating public issues. In the broadest and best sense a family and general newspaper.

The Times aims to have the largest circulation by deserving it and claims that it is unsurpassed in all the essentials of a great metropolitan newspaper. Specimen copies of any edition will be sent free to anyone sending their address.

Terms—DAILY $3.00 per annum, $1.00 for four months, 30 cents per month, delivered by carriers for 6 cents per week. SUNDAY EDITION, 32 large handsome pages—224 columns, elegantly illustrated, beautiful colored supplement, $2.00 per annum 5 cents per copy. Daily and Sunday, $5.00 per annum, 50 cents per month.

Address all letters to
THE TIMES,
Philadelphia.

Books!
I have them all
For
The Readers.
H. C. Wells.
Smethport, Pa.

INSURANCE.
Life, Fire and Accident
written by
W. F. SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.
in good reliable companies

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.

Dont fail to Call

And see us when looking for bargains in JEWELRY AND

Silver and Gold Plated goods of superiority and great variety.
Injustice to no one and fair dealing with all is our motto.
Leave your orders for repairing and same will receive prompt attention.
Very great caution would be exercised in the selection of Jewelry.
Every article selected from my stock guaranteed as represented.
Remember, we guarantee best value for your investment.

SILVER.

Come and Examine My Stock, Get Prices, and You Will Be a Permanent Customer.

We are ready to talk Columbia prices and styles for 1897.

M.L.Armstrong.

Rooney's is the Place
to buy a nice, sweet piece of
Fresh, Salt or Smoked
MEAT
whether it be a full quarter or a small steak. And for
Fruit and Vegetables
I am always headquarters.
J. F. ROONEY, Smethport, Pa.

Blacksmithing.

Anything you need in this line will receive prompt attention if you will bring it to me and the work and price will be right. Carriage painting and wood working departments in connection.

A NEW CARRIAGE can be purchased here cheaper than elsewhere and it is good, too.

T. H. PURTLE

EMIL THAMM,
MANUFACTURER OF
CIGARS
AND DEALER IN
CHEWING AND SMOKING
Tobacco, Pipes, Etc.
SMETHPORT, PA.

Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA.

Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA.

Stock-Taking Time

Now on hand. It is our custom before taking our annual inventory to place on special sale all remaining winter stuffs at greatly reduced prices. Every article has been made to feel the purse of quick selling and whether it be a pair of woolen hose or a fur jacket you may feel assured that the knife suffer both alike.

The old Price and the new Price are in plain figures—One Price.

Dress Goods.

No matter how a dry goods store is judged your judgment is based upon their dress goods department.

We claim to carry one of the finest and best selected stocks in our city. In medium priced goods we aim at quality and newness of weaves.

In our high class novelties we carry exclusive patterns, confined to us alone.

Lot all wool serges, cashmeres and novelties in choice coloring, formerly selling upwards of 40c. Inventory price 24c

Scotch novelties silk and wool plaids all this season's choice styles 40 and 48 inches wide. Some formerly sold as high as 80c. Inventory price 48c

Send for samples.

Silk Clearance.

Evening silks and rich novelties in colors and blacks, and all broken lines of high grade and medium priced silks all marked at prices which will insure their speedy sale previous to inventory.

Dark and medium colored fancy silks all very choice designs. Especially adapted for waists, etc. Inventory price 58c

Send for samples.

Corsets.

Lot of corsets made by some of the best makers broken sizes, mostly large, several colors and shapes, one of the greatest bargains ever offered. Some formerly selling as high as $1.50. Inventory price 35c

These will not last long and I would advise an early attendance [illegible]

Yarns.

We carry all the famous [illegible] of one of the best makes in the market.

To close lot of odd colors in Germantown Knitting Yarns we will place on sale about 100 skeins—brown, blue cardinal, red, tans, etc., formerly selling as high as 15c. Inventory price 5c

Cloaks.

Previous to stock-taking we have made tremendous reductions in all our Jackets and Capes.

Imported Irish Frieze Jackets, satin faced, inlaid velvet collar, straight button fronts and tailor made, reduced from $10 to $6

Embroidered Plush Capes trimmed in Thibet fur well lined and finished, reduced from $7.50 to $4.95

COHN BROTHERS,
20 Main St. BRADFORD, PA.

FOOTWEAR

A Large Assortment for Ladies and Gentlemen Just Received.

Try Our Shoe Dressing,
"Gilt Edge" for Ladies, "Elite" for Gentlemen

Manufacturing and Repairing Neatly and Promptly Done.

ALBERT ANDERSON,
Callar Block, Smethport, Pa.

A. B. ARMSTRONG & CO.
Smethport, Penna.
Dealers in
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals and Patent Medicines,
Sponges, Syringes, Soaps, Combs and Brushes,
Perfumery,
Fancy Tissue Paper, Crepe Paper,
FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES,
AND ALL GOODS USUALLY KEPT BY DRUGGISTS

Physicians' Prescriptions Carefully Compounded, and all Orders Correctly Answered.

GOODS SELECTED WITH GREAT CARE, AND WARRANTED AS REPRESENTED.

I. COLEGROVE'S
Closing-out Sale of Shoes and Rubbers.

I am going to close out my entire stock of Shoes and Rubbers. Every pair must go at COST or below. My stock in complete both in size and styles

235 pairs of Children's and Misses'.
52 " " Boys'.
300 " " Ladies'.
225 " " Men's.

Come early and secure the best bargains. No shoes charged hereafter.

I also have a few CLOAKS left which will be sold at and below Cost.

SMETHPORT, PA J. COLEGROVE,

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling

PALACE PHARMACY.

Under the new management the store will be stocked with a new and complete line of

Drugs, Patent Medicines,
Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Soaps, Brushes, &c.

Parties in need of a TRUSS or EYE GLASSES will be greatly benefitted by giving us a call. As our stock is very large we will close them out at reduced prices.

BURG CHADWICK, M. D., Prop.,
Smethport, Penna.

OUR WINTER SUITINGS
AND
FASHION PLATES
Are now ready for your inspection. Come in and make your selections.
H. W. RUBIN & CO

JANUARY SALE!

This is the month for White Goods and ready made Muslin underwear.

We have on hand a fine assortment of those goods, which we are selling at very low prices and the sale will continue through this present month of January.

We have never offered such bargains in Remnants of Dress Goods, Underwear and Hosiery as we have on our counters of this time.

You will be surprised at the many real bargains offered.

Come, and see—the goods will do the rest.

Mrs. T. D. Nash

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 14th, 1897.

ANDREWS & CONKLING. ANDREWS & CONKLING.

Two Forty-Eight.

CHEAP ISN'T IT.

50 bran new Oak and Mahogany Rockers, covered with Damask, Brocatelle, Velour and Plush, Spring seats, a high grade chair, such as usually sells for $3 00.

OUR PRICE, $2.48.

$3.50 Fine Oak and Mahogany, Cobbler and Seat Rockers, usually $4 50.
88c, $1.25 and $1.50 Children's Rockers, over 50 to select from.
$12.50 Large 3-piece Oak Chamber suite.
15c. Window Shades, mounted on spring rollers, gxtures and all complete.
$1.00 per window, Lace Curtians 3½ yards long, 60 inches wide.
40c. per yard, All Wool Ingrain Carpets, worth 50c
Wall-paper, large line to close out.
New goods in to-day.

We are the people you want to see, when in need of anything in the house-furnishing line.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,
127-129 UNION ST., OLEAN, N. Y.
We pay the Freight.
We sew the Carpet Free.

ECONOMICAL BUYING.

Many people know how much this store can save them. Many people don't. We are trying to reach those who don't. Those who do will come anyway. Some people would be willing to pay an extra price here, just to choose from such an enormous variety; but prices are lower than any competition can touch. We could never have second such a trade if they were not

Stable Blankets.

30 styles for you to select from including the famous Burlington Blanket the "stay on" kind. No straps or surcingles necessary.

Prices $1.15 up

Horse Blankets.

Square ones—12 styles, including all the famous ones.

Prices $2 00 up.

Sleds.

About 25 styles of Children's Sleds and Cutters.

Lleds 40c. up
Cutters, $2.50 up.
The fastest sleds made for boys
The handsomest ones for girls

Skates.

The most improved skates for all people—50c. up.

Sleigh Bells and Chimes.
Fur robes—warn lap robas

Housekeeping Department.

Just as complete as any city in America can show. Aluminum Cooking Utensils. Labor-saving Kitdhen Articles.

Lamps.

Handsome—Rochester Banquet Lamps as low as $1 75.

New style globes for lamps and gas fixtures. Princess Lamps.

Scarce two lamps alike

China.

This China department is the marvel of this store. We keep 40 styles of Dinner Sets alone constantly in stock.

Dinner Sets from $7 00 up.

Stoves.

52 styles of Stoves here, including 20 styles of ranges. Our prices sell over 500 stoves each year. New Portable Mantel heaters.

Stoves from $3 00 up

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
EMERY & WEAVER. Bradford, Pa.

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling

1897! JANUARY SALE. 1897!

The saying is "wait until after the Holidays and you can buy goods much cheaper," and now the time has come. We propose to close out some of our line of Winter Goods, and if price will do it they will certainly go.

The weather has been mild and so it has been bad for wool underwear and if you want a bargain in this line we have got them. And the same on all wool goods.

Our Shoe Department is up to date but we have collected together a line in Ladies' and Misses' which we are bound to let go and if you are in the need or if you do not need them at present it will be your benefit to call, for the price will be so low you can't help but purchase. Now we mean what we say, do not go to the city looking for bargains when you can get them right here at home. During the next 60 days we will give you special prices on all goods through the entire store.

Yours for Bargains,

D. C. YOUNG,
SMETHPORT, PA
Goods Sold Will be for Cash.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.'s Mammoth Pre-Inventory SALE.

In order to have our stock at the lowest notch at the close of our business year we are inaugurating a great mark down

Trade-Boomer.

By way of emphasis we quote below prices on first-class goods which cannot fail to interest

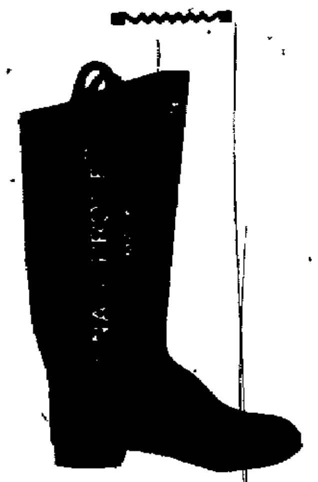
Shrewd Buyers.

Call and inspect these offerings:

Ladies' heavy wool hose	20c.
Misses' " "	15
Ladies' " ribbed vests long sleeves	12 1-2
Gents' heavy wool Mittens	20
Gents' heavy wool hose	20
" light "	15
" heavy " underwear	60
All wool flannel	21

Cloaks.

We have a few desirable Coats and Capes in stock yet. We will dispose of them at COST.



We have a complete line of the famous Lumbertville "Snag-proof" rubber goods. Best in the world.

Hats,

Latest styles just received.

Neckwear,

New line of handsomest patterns.

Groceries,

Ask about our prices. We mention two staple commodities

Arbuckles Coffee	18c. lb.
Granulated Sugar	5c. "

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
GENERAL MERCHANTS,
Smethport, Pa.

Jan. 8, 1897.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

The New Year

Finds Gleason at the old stand making first-class pictures the same as ever. If you want a photograph get it now.

Those Carbonettes

are becoming famous and gaining popularity every day. Crayons at lowest prices.

GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the post office at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JAN. 29, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Next Tuesday is ground hog day.

—The first bible printed in English was in 1535.

—The first newspaper printed in America was in 1690.

—The regular term of court commences Monday, Feb 22.

—S. J. Gifford is the proud possessor of a brand new cutter.

—Mail orders for job work will receive our prompt attention.

—Mrs. J. A. McKean, who was somewhat indisposed, has recovered.

—Quite a number of our K. O. T. M. visited Crosby Saturday night.

—Philip Hafner was granted a divorce from his wife, Annie, this week.

—A subpoena in divorce has been issued in the case of Mrs H Romsey.

—The union meetings are still in session—this week at the Baptist church.

—Last Sunday the weather around this section had a regular Dakota appearance.

—There will be an eclipse of the sun next Monday evening just before sunset.

—Second street, said to be the longest street in Philadelphia, is 15 miles in length.

—John Doyle is seriously ill at his home in Sartwell with inflammation of the bowels.

—Coudersport parties have opened a new restaurant in the Tracy building on Main street.

—H. A. Boyd of Clermont is the guest of E. O. Davis at the Rochester.—Wednesday's Era.

—Last Monday morning was the coldest of the season. Mercury down to 8 degrees below zero.

—Dr E. R. Baker, who has been ill for the past two weeks with pneumonia is able to be out again.

—A motion has been made for a new trial in the Buss divorce case. A rule to show cause was granted.

—The ice men have been exceedingly busy for the last few days stowing away the Jack Frost product.

—Hoard's Dairyman grows better every issue, if such a thing is possible. Every farmer should subscribe.

—During last year there were shipped from the different yards at Williamsport 165 370 000 feet of lumber.

—The postage stamp which we find so handy in mailing our letters did not come into use in this country before 1847.

—Hoarding up money in a miserly way can never be done without making a beggar of a man who does it.—Ram's Horn.

—Rev Joseph Dennis of the Ninth street M. E. church, Olean, has been assisting Rev. Berlin of Eldred in revival services.

—The name of the Bergamot post office has been changed to Straight. This is straight as we have it from the postmaster there.

—All those people who have been predicting for the past two months that we would have no winter have crawled into their cyclone cellars.

—M. L. Armstrong has been appointed L. A. W. consul for Smethport and vicinity. He wants every bicycle rider to join and push for good roads.

—We are in receipt of the Tribune Almanac for 1897. It is a whole encyclopedia in itself—full of valuable information. It should be in every household.

—Read the advertisement of Harper's Magazine which appears in another column of this week's issue. This magazine promises to be better than ever this year.

—The postoffice authorities at Washington have been requested to establish a postoffice at South Vandalia. This is required by the great developments of oil at [illegible].

—Great Commander of the K.O.T.M., B. S. Watson of Williamsport was a guest at the Central Sunday. The night previous he installed the officers of the Coryville Tent.

—The funeral of Mrs. Niles Kinney of Annin creek was held at that place last Sunday. Miss M. C. Simpson, Mrs. S. M. Rifle, Mrs E. R. Mayo and Guy B Mayo attended the funeral.

—In another column will be found a short, but very interesting sketch of Oscar II, King of Norway and Sweden which ought to be of great interest to our many Scandinavian readers.

—The sun is claimed to be 865,000 miles in diameter. Our own little world is a trifle over 8000 miles. We are lost in wonder when we consider the sun is over 100 times larger than our planet.

—The large tannery of the Elk Tanning company located at Curwensville was destroyed by fire Monday morning. The loss is estimated at $150,000. The amount of insurance is unknown.

—Daniel Keefe formerly of this place, but now doing valiant service in the redemption of sinners with the Salvation Army, pointed out the way for the misguided to walk in last night at the Baptist church.

—An exchange speaks of a man down in Texas only 26 years of age, who has been married 16 times. Marriage licenses and fees must be very cheap down that way or he would not have been able to earn enough to secure them.

—Contractor Ovialt came in from Gallagher township this morning. He reports that the drill in the test well had reached a depth of a little over 700 feet and everything was progressing satisfactorily.—Clinton Republican.

—The Pennsylvania Editorial Association will hold their next convention in Bradford some time next summer. Bradford is lucky in having such a large body of representative men of the State meet there to enjoy her hospitality.

—Two of Thorn's Comedians, the company which played in this place last week, left the company at Coudersport and came here. We understand they are trying to form a home talent company to give an entertainment in the near future.

—When a woman in Bradford imbibes too much "John Barleycorn juice" the guardians of the peace secure a handsled and convey the lock-up her way, providing there is enough of the beautiful on the ground to make good slipping, otherwise they use a wheelbarrow.

—Attention is called to the adv. of the Palace Pharmacy. Under the new management, with a new and well assorted line of drugs and medicines and a careful and experienced prescription clerk we bespeak for this popular store a prosperous future.

—A. E. Stickles of the Racket store at East Smethport will move a portion of his immense stock into the Sprague building and be ready for business Feb. 1. He will also continue to do business at the old stand at East Smethport. See his change of adv. this week.

—A young lady of Utica, N. Y., while attending Vassar college, a few years ago eloped with one of Buffalo Bill's cow punchers, and now she offers herself as a volunteer to go to Cuba to fight the Spaniards. Evidently her married life has not assumed the roseate hue that she expected it would.

—Editor Cowan of the Warren Mail will please accept the the thanks of the MINER for kind words. By the way we wish to say that the Mail is just as bright and newsy as ever and will soon turn the half-century mark. May its present able management live to see the century mark reached and continued prosperity follow.

—Be sure to read the change in the advertisement of A. B. Armstrong & Co., which appears in this issue. This is an old and reliable place and everything in the store is first-class and up-to-date. The customers of this place can rest assured that their wants will be carefully and promptly attended to. Give them a call.

—The Pompelon Club of Bradford will please accept thanks from the MINER for favors rendered. The club has a very interesting program with a fine line of speakers, and the subjects for discussion are some of the vital issues of the day. It will be of interest for everyone who can, to attend the sessions of this excellent club.

—Wednesday about 7 a. m., William Harris, a boarding house keeper at Chipmunk committed suicide in the presence of his wife by shooting himself, in the head with a 32 calibre revolver. It is claimed that that the loss of some money and drink caused him to commit the deed. He was about 37 years of age and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his departure.

—Last Saturday afternoon there was a terrible wreck on the Pittsburg & Western R R at a bridge on Paint creek about 1 mile from Shippenville. The bridge is 50 feet high and the train was crossing this bridge when it dashed into the rapids. There were about 30 passengers aboard when the accident occurred and all but one were injured. Three of the trainmen were killed.

—"Can you tell what sort of weather we may expect next month?" wrote a farmer to his local paper, and the editor replied as follows: "It is my opinion that the weather next month will be very much like your subscription bill." The farmer wondered for an hour what the editor was driving at, when he happened to think of the word "unsettled." He sent a post office order.—Ex.

—Exchanges tell of a fatal accident that happened to James Maroney of Carrollton, N. Y., on Monday. In preparing a cup of tea before retiring, he went to a cupboard in the dark to get some sugar, but by mistake he got paris green. Every effort was made by physicians to save his life, but he died before morning. He leaves a poor mother who was dependent upon his labors for her maintainance.

—E. H. Taylor was engaged in drawing ice last Monday and when coming across Gifford's pond with a heavy load the ice gave way and Mr. Taylor, horses, sleds and load were precipitated into the cold and clammy waters of the Marvin. Considerable difficulty was experienced in extracting them from their moist and perilous predicament, but it was finally accomplished and nothing serious resulted.

—The crusade that is being raised against the high hats the ladies wear in the theaters is being offset by the ladies kicking against the nuisance the men are making of themselves by going out between acts to take a drink. Well, we are willing to compromise with the fair creatures, if they will remove their hats during the play, we will willingly invite them to join us when we go out to see a man on important business.

—Andrews & Conkling, the well-known firm of Olean, have a change in their advertisement this week that it will pay you to read. Their specialties are furniture and carpets and their store is one of the finest and most complete establishments of the kind in the Empire State. Its well worth a trip to Olean just to inspect their stock. Give them a trial either by mail or personal visit and you will find everything as represented.

—The Maccabees of Crosby put out their latch string last Saturday night and entertained many visitors in their usual happy style. Quite a number went up from here. There were three installations and the newly elected officers were duly installed. An elegant repast was furnished by the ladies, to which ample justice was done. All who attended speak in the highest terms of the entertaining qualities of the Crosby people.

—According to the Bradford papers that city's baseball prospects for the coming season are not very bright. Suitable grounds cannot be secured. Smethport's outlook does not appear very rosy at the present time as four of its star players: Toll, Keefer, Wolters and Sasse, will enter fast company at the beginning of next season. The climate of Smethport appears to be favorable for the raising of good ball players and pretty girls.

—We have a second Edison in our midst in the person of Alex Clark, son of our popular deputy sheriff. The young man is an enthusiast on electricity. He takes great pleasure in studying the intricate problems of this wonderful 19 century aid to man and being possessed of a great deal of mechanical ingenuity he will undoubtedly make a success of his undertaking. At the present time he is busy at work in making plans for an electric motor.

—Superintendent J. C. McKenna of the B. B., & K R R, has proven himself equal to surmount almost any difficulty. He has given us excellent train service ever since he took charge of the road to Kane, but the general remark heard on all sides was, "Wait until winter comes and he has the snow drifts to contend with and you will see." During the last few days we have had as severe winter weather as is usually found at this season of the year, but the trains have been regular. This shows what perseverance and energy will accomplish.

—Waldo Sasse, the popular young ball player recently received a contract from Roanoke, Va., ready for his signature to play in the out field on that team for the season of '97. He will leave for that place about April 1. This young man had a record last season that would be a credit to any semi-professional player in the State and the Roanoke management is to be congratulated on securing his services for their team. He is a young man of better habits than the usual run of ball players and will undoubtedly make a success in his new venture. The MINER wishes "Bill" the best of luck.

—We received a correspondence from East Smethport complaining about the way the pool room at that place was conducted, but as there was no name signed we are of the opinion that the "kick" has little foundation. Nevertheless we will say there is a severe penalty for allowing minors in a pool or billiard room, but as far as we know there is no law compelling the proprietor to close his place except from 12 o'clock Saturday night until Monday morning.

—Justice P. Ford was one of the happiest men in town last Saturday night when notified of his renomination for justice-of-the-peace. This is a worthy rounding out of a well spent life. Mr. Ford was first elected in 1860 and has been in continual service ever since—a period of 36 years. Mr. Ford is to be congratulated. May he live long to bear the honored title of Justice. For such it is when a man conscientiously discharges the duties evolving upon that office.

—The best way to get along with wives is to let them have their own way for if you do not they are pretty sure to have it any rate. It doesn't pay to argue with them or try to lower their estimation of their own ability. Just jolly them along as beings whose wisdom is not to be questioned, and everything will run smoothly and delightfully.—Potter Journal. What's the matter Colcord, been having a fireside debating society. You undoubtedly got worsted in the argument judging from the above.

—The Philadelphia Times Almanac gives this recipe for the preservation of milk and says if followed it will keep for six months "Put the milk into a bottle and place the bottle in a sauce pan with cold water and gradually raise the milk to the boiling point. Then take it off the fire and instantly cork the bottle. Raise it once more to the boiling point for half a minute and let the bottle cool in the water in which it was boiled." Housewives try this experiment and you may be able to have good milk when your milkman fails to bring your regular supply.

—Last Thursday one of our popular young men secured the company of a handsome young lady and started on a pleasure trip around the streets of the town. During the trip the young man left the lady in the cutter while he transacted some business at a residence on Cemetery street. While thus engaged the horse, notwithstanding its fair guardian, became possessed of an overpowering desire to return to its stable and despite the protests of the young lady started at a furious pace for that destination. The dauntless damsel never lost her presence of mind for an instant, but grabbed the maddened steed by the tail and hung on bravely. Strange as it as it may seem even this did not stop the terrible career of the equine demon. When the corner of Mechanic street was reached our heroine made a nerve-rending, hair-raising, ear-splitting leap for life. Beyond a skinned elbow and knee she sustained no damage. The horse continued to the barn and stopped. Such bravery in the face of immediate danger throws even Mrs Grover Cleveland and Gen. Weyler in the shade. The courageous girl will be around in a few days to receive your congratulations.

Organ Recital.

In making up this program considerable difficulty has been experienced. Being limited as to time in the performance, we are compelled to omit names which should be on a program purporting to represent the leading German composers. The names of Mozart, Hayden and Wagner not mentioning contemporary composers will be missed by the musical public, but at the same time we are sure they will understand how impossible it would be to give selections without prolonging the recital considerably. Germany's present supremacy is the result of centuries of steady progress from the simple folk song of the people, culminating in the great work of Sebastian Bach, born 1685, died 1750. Great as he is in vocal works he is justly considered the true progenitor of instrumental music and largely to his influence we owe the wonderful development of this branch of the art. Bach stands as a model for all time as a composer for the organ. The Fantasia and Fugue on the program is considered one of his greatest works. The fantasie is in the imaginative style of the northern master. This is followed in beautiful contrast by a four part fugue. Carl Maria Von Weber born 1786, died 1826. The vocal number is taken from one of his best known works, "Der Frieschutz," meaning "The Marksman." This song is in the dramatic style. M. Beethoven was Germany's greatest writer, in the emotional school. Beethoven did not write a single work for the organ, although an organist himself for a short time. The overture is taken from his music to Goethe's tragedy of Egmont composed in 1810. Schubert, born 1797 died 1828. On Sunday just one hundred years ago the king of song writers was born. The vocal number selected is the only sacred song Schubert wrote. It is a work full of devotion and great feeling. Handel's field of composition is especially that of the oratorio and opera. The work selected although not so large in scope as the others is one of great beauty and played all over the world. Schumann born 1810, died 1856. This master's works cover nearly all fields of composition, but he is specially noted as a song writer. The song selected is one expressing the gloomy despair of King Saul and his command to David to drive away the evil spirit with his harp. Mendelssohn born 1808, died 1847. The Sonata selected will ever remain a monument of Mendelssohns genius. It is in four movements, consisting of an allegro of intense passion followed by an adagio of beautiful expression—a calm after a storm. The third movement is recitative in style—the calm interrupted by passionate outbursts. The last movement is grand and full of wild joy. The sustained arpeggio chords giving the effect of crescendos.

GERMAN.

Bach, 1685-1750	Fantasie and Fugue...G minor
Weber, 1786-1826	Agatha's Prayer
	From *Der Freischutz
Beethoven, 1770-1827	Overture to Egmont
Schumann, 1810-1856	Saul to David
	My Soul is Dark
Handel, 1685-1759	Largo
Schubert, 1797-1828	Ave Maria
	From The Lady of the Lake
Mendelssohn, 1809-1847	Sonata in F minor

Allegro Moderato e Serioso, Adagio, Andante Recitando, Allegro Assai Vivace.

*Der Freischutz means marksman.

Read Carefully.

Business men who advertise should be interested in the welfare of the local newspapers and so far as possible assist in increasing their circulation, because in doing so they are directly helping to spread their own announcements before the election before the public. They suffer when the local paper is displaced by city papers in which they do not advertise, but which do contain the advertisements of foreign houses bidding for the local trade.—Ex.

It Comes Slow.

The following communication speaks for itself. The name is withheld:

"I would have renewed my subscription sooner, but I have just received my check for helping to elect Penrose U. S. Senator. The 'powers' have been rather slow in paying up in this part of the State."

It is a fact well worth knowing, that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures colds and coughs more speedily than any other remedy.

A. B. Armstrong & Co., have just received a full line of crepe and tissue paper.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Sartwell visited Olean friends Wednesday.

M. S. Geary of Mt. Alton was in town on Sunday last.

J. W. Boston was transacting business in Erie yesterday.

John N. Apple transacted business in Mt. Jewett Tuesday.

Sheridan Gorton visited Bradford yesterday on legal business.

Z. H. Carpenter of Larabee was a pleasant caller on Wednesday.

J. G. Benton of New York city was in town the first of the week.

J. R. Goldsborough of Bradford was in attendance at court Tuesday.

H. A. Tatlock of Buffalo was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday.

Peter Wagner of Mt. Alton was an agreeable caller at this office Tuesday.

Hon W. E. Burdick of Bradford autographed at the Central Tuesday.

H. W. Roeder of Farmers Valley made this office a pleasant call last Friday.

Judge A. G. Olmsted came over from Coudersport to preside at court Tuesday.

C. A. Anderson, the hustling Colegrove merchant, was a brief caller last Saturday.

E. B. Dolley of Port Allegany was greeting his many old friends here Wednesday.

M. T. Shusta of Port Allegany was transacting business at the court house Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertha Howe of Bradford filled the position of stenographer at court this week.

Geo. H. Hayes and lady from Mt. Jewett were guests at the Wright House last Sunday.

Miss Rhoda Leroy and brother, Delancon, drove from Highland, Elk county, to this place Friday.

Sheriff J. F. Davis was noticed early yesterday morning making his way toward the Bradford train.

Dell Weaver visited Kane over Sunday in order to secure some of the bracing air found in that region.

Father Flood returned from Austin Wednesday night, where he had been to attend a forty hour service.

Mrs Cora Barr of Bradford, who has been here on a visit for a few days, returned to her home Monday.

Mr and Mrs. George Morrison and S. E. Bell of Kane were guests of Judge Morrison and family Sunday.

Messrs. Christy Payne, C. N. Payne and J. C. Edmundson of Titusville attended court here this week.

Dr. Burg Chadwick was in Clermont Tuesday and Jack Frost took unwarranted liberties with his left ear.

S. P. Beckwith of Farmers Valley has been confined to the house for some time but is better at this writing.

Robert E. Hearst, assessor of the first ward of Kane was in town Tuesday attending to the duties of his office.

Mrs. Ada Cable of Bradford was busily engaged during the fore part of the week in reporting the Pipe Line case.

Mesdames W. H. Davis and Jennie Griffiths of Kane have been guests of Mr. and Mrs T. H. Ryan for a few days.

'Squire C. C. Moses and daughter, visited Smethport last Friday and the 'Squire kindly remembered the MINER while here.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke has been devoting considerable of his time this week to duties of the office around Bradford.

Ex State Senator J. W. Lee, J. C. McDowell and E. H. Jennings of Pittsburg were attending court here this week.

Editor S. R. Lindsley went to Harrisburg Monday night to attend the meeting of the Editorial Association held there this week.

Hon. M. F. Elliot, H. W. McSweeny, J. N. Campbell, Eugene Leible, Oil City gentleman were here at court Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hon Lewis Emery, Jr., J. G. Jackson, V. A. Hays, J. M. Steele, D. H. Jack, H. M. Poole are all Bradford gentlemen who were in attendance at court this week.

Supt. W. H. Jebb of the Roulette Upper Leather tannery was in town a short time Wednesday. The company are to be congratulated on securing the services of so capable a man as Mr. Jebb to superintend their plant.

Supt. J. C. McKenna of the B. B., & K R. R., was in town Wednesday and was very much pleased at the success he is meeting with in combating the snow drifts along his line of railroad. Passengers are not compelled to endure a long wait at way stations under his able management.

Strange Case.

The village of Mulvane, a few miles south of here, writes a Wichita correspondent of the New York Herald, is stirred up over disclosures brought to light on the 39 wedding anniversary of Peter Wilson and his wife a few days ago. Their nine children and several grandchildren were present with many neighbors.

In the company was Isaac Ashton, foster father of Mrs. Wilson, who was en route to Oklahoma and Robert Wilson, who lived in a neighboring county. The men were neighbors 40 years ago, but had not seen each other since.

Their reminiscent talk brought out the fact that in 1839 Alexander Taylor, his wife and two children located in Richmond, Ind., having moved there from Noble county, O. Taylor went as a volunteer to the Florida Indian war and died while on the expedition. Mrs. Taylor died soon afterward, leaving her children, Peter and Rachel, 6 and 2 years old respectively, to the care of strangers.

Isaac Ashton and Robert Wilson had been friends of the Taylors. Ashton adopted Rachel and Wilson adopted Peter Taylor. Ashton moved to Iowa soon afterward and Wilson went to northern Missouri. They never spoke to the children of their antecedents, and they grew up to consider they were the children of their respective foster parents.

When Peter Wilson was 17 years old he went to Sioux City, Ia., to learn the carpenter's trade, and at a temperance meeting met Rachel Ashton, who was visiting his foster aunt. They became sweethearts, and three years later were married.

They settled in Sumner county, Kan., where they have always been highly respected. They have nine children. Three children are deaf mutes and two others are deformed. All are married except one of the deaf mutes and two of the younger children.

Peter Wilson swooned when he heard the neighbors' talk, and for a time he was thought to be dead, but he was revived. He and his wife are almost crazed with grief.

He is Known Here.

William E. Mason, who has been elected United States Senator from Illinois, is well remembered by all the early settlers of McKean county. He was reared at Ellicottville and has quite an extended acquaintance in Bradford. Two of his brothers, Lin W. and Edwin, married David Bennett's daughters, Ambrosia and Frances, at Smethport, where they resided until the death of the brothers within the past few years. Edwin's wife afterward married and with her sister, Mrs. Lin Mason, still reside at the county seat.

Senator-elect Mason is remembered as bright and intelligent and exceptionally clever in running debate. He was a hard antagonist, his vein of wit and humor putting his opponent to great disadvantage. Mr. Mason is a thorough Republican, and in this respect differs from all other members of his family. He is as big hearted and jolly as he is large. Hon. W. W. Brown, who has a personal acquaintance of many years' standing with Senator Mason, predicts that he will be the most talked of man in the Senate, not only on account of his peculiar build and jolly ways, but for his eloquence as an orator and logic in debate.

Senator Mason's McKean county friends will be pleased to learn of his rapid success since emigrating to the west.—Tuesday's Record.

Go to the Bakery for sweet California Navel oranges. They are the best at this season.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNIN CREEK.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucina Kinney was held at 2 o'clock Sunday in the M. E. church of this place, of which she has been a faithful member for many years. The deceased was about 84 years old, the widow of Niles Kinney, one of the first settlers of Annin Creek. She was living at the home of her son, H. A. Kinney of Garner, about two miles from this place at the time of her death. She leaves a sister and a brother older than herself, besides a large circle of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Lillie and Cintha Kinney of Steuben county attended the funeral of their grandmother here Sunday. They will stay and visit among their many friends for a few days.

L. H. Winship and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith went to Shingle House Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. B. Kinney.

Charley Buckley of Olean is spending a few days in this place at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Evans.

H. A. Harder has purchased the house and lot in Port Allegany formerly owned by F. K. Winship.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bartle of Canisteo, N. Y., have been visiting S. E. Wightman and wife.

Mrs. S. M. Rifle of Smethport was calling on friends in town the first of the week.

G. O. Buckley of Olean had business at Annin Creek the first of the week.

Mrs C. H. Holcomb's condition does not seem to be improving.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tubbs, Jan 21, an eight pound girl.

Dr. J. B. Colcord of Port Allegany was in town Thursday.

James Wood was over from Rixford Saturday.

Rev. Langmade was in Olean last Thursday.

Miss Inez Smith is home from Rixford.

Winter is here all right.

CLERMONT.

The Comedy Co. last week rather got stuck on Clermont, as they advertised for only three nights and showed six nights. They know when they strike a good lively and prosperous town.

The Republicans and Democrats held a union caucus in the opera house on Tuesday evening. At present we are unable to give the names of the nominees.

On Tuesday last the school house at Hutchins, in Sergeant township, was totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which is as yet unknown.

The wedding bells are beginning to ring for good here. There are no less than half a dozen on the list to take the obligation before spring.

Why does not some good photographer come and locate at Clermont? I am sure he could not find a better place.

We are having good sleighing now which will have a tendency to liven up business.

MT ALTON.

It has been the custom of the employees on the Erie way freight coming into Alton to uncouple the cars at Summit, about a mile distant, and run the cars into Alton by gravity. The other day they got under headway and could not be controlled, the brakes refusing to hold on account of snow. The train ran into some standing cars and broke the steps and draw head from a coach. A brakeman standing on a box car was thrown off but was not seriously injured.

Miss Katheryn McCarten and Miss Mary Handerhand started to drive to Ormsby but concluded to stay at Simpson. They came back nearly frozen.

Rev J. H. Crocker was in Bradford the first of the week.

CROSBY.

A. L. Colegrove and wife of Smethport were in Crosby Saturday and remained over night as guests of W. V. Fromn.

Miss Maggie McCarty of Smethport was the guest of friends in Crosby Saturday and Sunday.

Great Commander B. S. Watson was a guest of Crosby Tent the latter part of last week.

Sir Knight Geary of Mt. Alton was visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

O Knight has returned to his home in Sandusky, N. Y.

The Mozart Club Again.

The Smethport Entertainment Committee deserve the thanks of all who are interested in the cultivation of the mind and the improvement of the taste for wholesome amusement. This committee sought to bring into town the best musical and literary talent, and without an exception they have succeeded. The unmerciful scoring which "critic" gave the Mozart Symphony Club was positively unkind and without the slightest grounds. As I am not a member of the committee no one will charge me with partiality in this article. The criticism on the Symphony Club was so bitter and uncalled for, that it is proper for citizens to protest against it. If the concert was so inferior and such a sham, etc., in the "critic's" estimation, what does he think of the audience that was present? No entertainment by outside talent has received the applause that was accorded the Symphony Club. The audience was enthusiastic and the encores proved that they wanted more of the music, and through the kindness of the performers they got about the value of three first-class concerts. It was worth the admission price to witness the wonderful manipulation of the Roman trumpet.

There were a few in that audience who have heard some of the best music across the sea and at home, and it is their humble opinion that every part of the program given by the Mozart Symphony Club was of the highest excellence. The people of Smethport are not fools, they have had some advantages, and their generous applause of the work of the Symphony Club showed that they were delighted, and that is all the endorsement the club needs or the local committee who secured the club.

I am going to depart from the method employed by the "critic" and sign my name.

JOHN W. SANBORN.

The Cat Was There.

About 5 o'clock last Tuesday a disastrous fire was started in the Arcade House, opposite the W. N. Y. & P. depot at Olean. Mrs Moran was engaged at a sewing machine on which an oil lamp was burning. A cat jumped upon the machine upsetting the lamp, a blaze was started which caught in the lace window curtains and soon everthing was in flames. An alarm was sounded but the fire spread so rapidly that property estimated at $20,000 was destroyed. The following is a summary giving insurance as far as known:

Arcade House, owned by Thomas Moran, loss $3,500; insurance $1,000.

Erie Hotel, owned by J. bn Consedine, loss $5,000; insurance $1,000.

J. H. McCormick's liquor store, loss $5,000; insurance $1,500.

Ross House, owned by Marcia Ross, loss $4,000; no insurance.

The damage to the Genesee House property is difficult to estimate at present though $2,500 will probably cover it. Loss fully covered.

How is This?

Over $340.00 was saved by the many patrons of Dr Pierce during the months of Nov. and Dec. Not bad, eh? And still you can save 25 per cent. on all dental operations by calling on F. C. Pierce. "A word to the wise," etc.

For Sale or Exchange

A pair of lumber sleds, a lumber wagon, chains, etc., for cutter, robes or carriage. Inquire of John Servalius, Liljendahl's shop, Mechanic street.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

UNDERTAKING
—AND—
EMBALMING
IN ALL BRANCHES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO BY AN EXPERIENCED FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
SPECHT & SASSE,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Republican Caucus.

At the Republican Caucus held in the court house last Saturday night, J. A. McKean was chosen chairman, E. L. Knapp and W. A. Young, secretaries. The following gentlemen were nominated:

Justice-of-the-Peace, P. Ford.
Burgess, J. A. Yerdon.
Councilman, 3 years, Frank Kerns.
Councilmen, 3 years, Burg Chadwick, Samuel Ramer.
High Constable, D. E. Hibbard.
Auditor, Oscar Engstrom.
School Directors, E. L. Keenan, C. E. Barrett.
Collector, J. C. Gallup.
Judge of Election, J. H. Belver.
Inspector of Election, C. H. Burlingame.

Don't worry. Don't run in debt. Don't trifle with your health. Don't try experiments with medicines. Don't waste time and money on worthless compounds. Don't be persuaded to take a substitute for Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the best of blood purifiers.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

I WIL B WITH U

With my little wheelbarrow load on Feb. 1, in the

Sprague Building,

And will offer U some Rare bargains.

We hav built up a good trade by being Honest & giving U goods at honest prices. We buy of man'frs & save middle men's profit. Then we offer you goods at 10 to 25 per cent. above cost to us. We sell goods for spot cash—neither time or discount to any1.

We will continue 2 Run our old E. Smethport Store as usual & shall keep our prices chop'd 2 & 3 pieces as usual.

A. E. STICKLES,

THURSDAY, FEB. 11th.

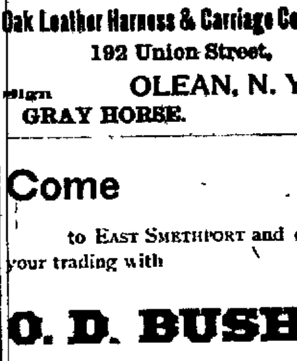
FREE EYE EXAMINATION.

DISTANT
NEAR
DISTANT
NEAR

Tears Without Cries,
Do you shed them?

Can you read fine print without shedding tears? Do your eyes ache when you read by lamp light? Does the wind or strong light cause them to water? If your sight is defective we can help you. We can tell you precisely how to correct the defect which your eyes suffer.

Prof. HOUSEWORTH,
Eye Specialist,
Formerly with Queen & Co., Phila.
At the store of
M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Smethport, Pa.



This is Headquarters

for everything in the line of harness and vehicles. We offer style, safety and comfort at extremely low prices. We have manufactured vehicles so long we have reduced the business to such a science, that we can sell fine goods for the same price others charge for an inferior grade. Needn't take our word for it—come and find out for yourself. Seeing's free.

Cutters, Bobs, Blankets.
Try Our Goods.
Oak Leather Harness & Carriage Co.,
192 Union Street,
OLEAN, N. Y.
Sign GRAY HORSE.

Come

to EAST SMETHPORT and do your trading with

O. D. BUSH,

He keeps a stock of

GROCERIES,
PROVISIONS,
DRY GOODS,
PATENT MEDICINES,
TINWARE,
BOOTS and SHOES,
HAY and FEED,
PAINTS and OILS,
WINDOW GLASS,
HARDWARE,
FARM and GARDEN TOOLS

and in fact everything kept by a first class general store. He is always pleased to show goods quote prices, which are as low as any reliable concern is able to give on good goods. A trial will convince you.

To be in Style

is one thing and to be out is another.

There are few places in this county where

FASHIONABLE GENT'S FURNISHINGS

are sold, and you will find I have the leader of them all. If you need

Hats
E. & W. Collars and Cuffs
Waterhouse Neckwear
Adler's Gloves
Umbrellas
Fine Underwear
Shummieys, the latest,
Mantellas for Ladies
Fancy Night Robes
Monarch Shirts

You will get what you want by writing to

S. E. BELL,
The Fashionable Furnisher,
22 Main Street. KANE, PENNA.

Just received, more of that nice nickeled copper ware—Tea Kittles, Tea Pots and Coffee Pots.

We are selling loads of heavy All Wool Underwear at 95c each.

Leave your orders for a pair of Tailor Made Trousers, guaranteed to fit and give satisfaction, from the Hazeltine Woolen Mills of Warren, Pa.

THE VARIETY,
Grand Central Block. W. H. OLMSTED, Propr.
Smethport, Pa.

YOUR HUSBAND'S WIFE

is without question the economical side of the household isn't she? She is central over gas bill, butcher's bill, grocer's bill and nearly all the other items which make up the necessities and possible luxuries in your home. The wife looks after winter suits for Tommy, Bobby, Dicky, Sammy and the other boys. She is sure to take the boys to be fitted out to our big department of boy's clothing. We have every style of suit, reefer and overcoat for the boys and for all ages. As to prices, well if you can buy for one cent cheaper in any other store you can have your money back. That's fair, isn't it? Now bring the boys in.

Ford's ✦ Red ✦ Front
158 Union Street,
OLEAN, - - - - N. Y.

STATIONERY!

We sell stationery of all kinds. We have have have one of the largest assortments of

WRITING PAPER
and
ENVELOPES

ever exhibited in this town. We have the best pape made at a reasonable price, and a fair qualities at prices that will astonish the most careful buyer. Call and be astonished.

McCOY'S DRUG STORE.
Odd Fellows' Block. Smethport, Pa.

If You Prefer
Modern Faces of Type
ON YOUR STATIONERY
Leave Order with
The McKean County Miner.

J. C. STULL, Farmers Valley.
New Goods! Lowest Prices!

My store is chock full of new goods and going at prices that are lower than ever before. Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Mill Stuff, Hardware, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes and all kinds of Rubber Goods. Sole agent for Snag Proof Rubber Goods in this vicinity. Your patronage solicited. Yours Truly,

J. C. Stull.

Brasted's
Confectionery
Fresh seasonable Fruits and OYSTERS.

Baldy's Last Tune.

(Continued from first page.)

[illegible] the old woman talk—she'll tell you all that's against you tonight, an not half it."

"The fiddle it's luck that's against me," Jim muttered to himself as he followed his father into the street. "I've felt thunder in the air ever since that letter from Kentucky told me that Colonel Allen Clay had started down the river to New Orleans."

* * * * *

Christmas before the war was the southern saturnalia, especially in the river towns. White men, black men, men of all intermediate complexions, drank and caroused and burned powder in honor of the day. Christmas eve was peculiarly uproarious. Planters from many miles around came in to sell and buy and to end a day of furious trading with a night of high play. Jim and Baldy might reasonably expect a rich harvest. If the pair had any other names, nobody knew it. They had drifted into the village three days before, apparently from nowhere, a pair of waifs that everybody laughed at. Both were tall and lean and slightly stooped, with meager faces full of deep lines. Though Jim's hair was white as wool, the other seemed to look on him as a mere infant, whom he must guard and guide in all ways. It was said that the thin fringe back of Baldy's ears should be dark and silky as a woman's down. "You see," he said to the groups which came about, drawn by the magic of his fiddle, "Jim's got the hair, but I've got the color of it. Maybe I mought once 'a' had some other name, but I've been Baldy so long—an by piety, you know—that I don't feel at home when you call me nothin else."

The fiddle and Jim's rifle made up their baggage. He was a dead shot. At all else he appeared the simplest backwoodsman that ever gaped at semicivilization. The gambling held him spellbound. He stood for hours beside the players, who won and lost hands, money, crops and slaves, his eyes shining, his lean face twitching with eager interest. His father had usually to drag him away and once cuffed him roundly "for bein such a fool as to hear for them spotted papers."

The players were nearly as much interested in the odd pair. When the two appeared in the saloon on the river bank, there was a chorus of welcome. It was by far the most gorgeous one in the place—full of mirrors and gilding, with a thick, soft carpet, a wheezy piano and several pictures of large and liberal, lovely ladies. The steamer landing was just beside it. Indeed, whoever came off the boat had to pass its open door. When, an hour later, Colonel Allen Clay came through it, he found Jim seated at the main table, the picture of radiant [illegible]. He had been invited to take a hand with the crack players—the [illegible] as skillful as they were bold. Much to their astonishment, he had pulled out a moleskin, crammed with coin, and risked it as freely as the best of them. Stranger still, he won—won steadily, his father meantime walking round and round, with the fiddle tucked under his chin, too restless evidently for continuous playing, but scraping now and then a few bars from some old familiar breakdown or reel. Invariably Jim begged him to "stop that squeakin." As invariably Baldy said: "Oh, come away, Jim. That ain't no place for you. You'll get to losin directly, an then what'll all our little [illegible] be?"

At first the rest laughed over it and said aside one to another that whoever won the poor greenhorn's money would, of course, give it back to him, after he had been taught the folly of gambling. By the time Colonel Clay came on the scene this benevolent intention had vanished in thin air. Fool's luck did not begin to express fortune's favors to the greenhorn. Yet it was luck pure and simple. There was no sleight or palming in those awkward, trembling hands. Two or three times the limit had been raised on purpose to scare him away. As the colonel came in the table was fairly heaped with gold and notes.

"What's in the pot?" he asked carelessly.

"A thousand in cash, two niggers and a wagon and mules," said a player who had not "come in" the game.

Outside, through the warm fog, a steamboat came down stream, puffing and churning in to the landing. Nobody heeded it. All eyes were riveted on the play—the players.

As Colonel Clay looked, a slow dawn of recognition came into his eyes. He glanced back from Jim to Baldy.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee!

The fiddle seemed to say it plainer than human speech. Jim half started from his seat, then dropped back, saying, "I call you."

"Better stop your game, gentlemen. There is cheating at the board," Colonel Clay said, folding his arms and looking down from his 6 feet 2.

Jim faced him, white with rage.

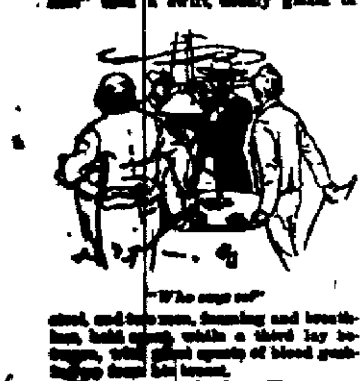
"Who says so?"

"I do."

"Why?"

"Because there must be when the son of a horse thief is found playing with gentlemen!"

There was the leap of a panther, a choking gurgle of breath, a wild cry—"Jim, Jim! Don't touch him for your life!" then a swift, deadly gleam of



"Who says so?"

steel, and two men, foaming and breathing, held apart, while a third lay between, with great spurts of blood gushing from his breast.

The boat had landed. There was a light, swift step on the gangway; a slender, veiled woman, with a face of ashes, paused half a breath at the door, then ran to the prostrate man, knelt and pressed her hand against the upwelling blood. At her touch the wounded man's eyes opened. Fear, shame and [illegible] came into them. He [illegible] a feeble hand over hers and said [illegible]:

"Sally—you are—just in time."

She fell prone beside him, laid her cheek close to his and said brokenly:

"Oh, William—my husband—forgive me—forgive me that I left you to suffer so many years—alone!"

"God bless you for it, Sally! I'm dying now—and truth comes easy. If you had stuck with me, I never could have [illegible] asked you to forgive. [illegible]—even Jim—I can't die easy until you know all."

"Hush, hush, my darling. I do know everything. Did you never think what kept me so long? From the night [illegible] Miranda Clay was mad. I helped her husband care for her. Three [illegible] ago she died in my arms—[illegible]—fully, freely forgiven, as I hope for forgiveness."

"Poor heart—true heart"—caressing her hand—"you tried to atone, but in vain."

"Don't think of that, William.—Pray, pray! The time is short, but God is all bountiful, all powerful. Ask him to forgive and save you for Jesus' sake."

"For Jesus' sake," he repeated dreamily. "[illegible] to pray as [illegible] beside her in the [illegible]. [illegible] Now give me my fiddle. [illegible] as you used to [illegible] 'Rock of Ages,' while I play."

[illegible] head her. Her arms were clasped tight about her husband, her cheek laid against his shoulder, her fingers dabbled in his lifeblood. Now and then her lips moved, but no sound of these pierced through the flooding melody that death itself seemed drawing from the strings. At last the player paused, with bow in air. An awestruck whisper, "It is Christmas eve, too," pierced through his clouded consciousness.

"Christmas eve—so it is," he said, laughing softly, "and I have a top for Jim and a kiss for Sally. She won't mind. Jim is just 5 years old and has not learned to do without what he wants."

"Pray, my darling, pray. You have only minutes now."

His breath came in gasps. He groped for the fiddle bow and drew it feebly across the strings, singing:

"Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side that flowed
Be of sin the double cure"—

The bow fell. There was a convulsive snapping of strings.

One masque of the passions was ended.

THE END.

QUAY'S HENCHMEN BOLT

They Refuse to Abide by the Regular Party Nominations.

ALLIANCES WITH THE DEMOCRATS.

A Vigorous Effort to Upset the Regular Organization in Philadelphia Which Quay Cannot Control—A Brief History of the Movement Since Its Inception.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—The political contention in this city has reached a condition which is fast assuming more than local importance, though on the surface it might seem that only local issues are involved. It is not a contest between the two great political parties. It is a battle by the managers of the Quay machine to gain the mastery, so as to increase their power in the party conventions and to have more delegates to control. In the effort to accomplish this the Quay-Penrose-Durham combination has entered into a compact with the Democrats, and has refused to abide by the nominations made by the regular conventions of the Republican party, so that in addition to the stigma of the coalition with the free silver heretics, the Quay faction must be classed as persistent and deliberate bolters.

This is a serious charge to make. Senator Quay has boasted that he is the head of the Republican party in the state, and in view of this it would require the strongest proof to convince the honest Republicans of this banner Republican state that he would encourage bolting or that he would approve of compacts with the free-traders and free-silverites.

But the proof is strong and convincing, and it is easy to trace the facts, which make a complete chain of evidence. Senator Quay is looking ahead to the expiration of his term in the United States senate. He is looking ahead also to the conventions which will nominate a state treasurer and an auditor general, and with such important issues at stake, for the sake of controlling Philadelphia politics and thereby Philadelphia's representation in these conventions, he has shown himself willing to countenance and encourage not only alliances with the Democrats, but disregard of the will of the majority, which is the foundation principle of the Republican party.

McKinley-Citizens' Party.

The history of the movement is briefly told. It began when the Quay combination sought to elect its candidate for sheriff as the opening wedge to increased power. This candidate was Alexander Crow, Jr., a political ward leader of some influence. He made a contest at the Republican primaries, was a candidate at the regular convention, and was defeated by a vote of 617 to 246. The Quay managers did not accept the result as good party men would have done. They continued the war, and at a prearranged "town meeting" the "McKinley-Citizens'" party was formed, and Crow was nominated for the office of sheriff.

A campaign of villification was begun, and a committee of influential citizens asked both the regular nominee and the Quay candidate to withdraw, so that a compromise might be made. The regular nominee complied with the request, but the Quay candidate did not. He entered the reconvened convention, and when his managers saw that he would be defeated by even a greater vote than before, they all bolted. Senator-elect Penrose, who was chairman of the Eighth ward delegation, led the bolt. Ex-Magistrate Durham, the local Quay leader, was a close second. They left the convention hall, and took about 240 delegates with them, which represented their full strength.

The next move was to induce the Democrats to withdraw their candidate. When this was accomplished, the Democratic city committee made Mr. Crow, Quay's candidate, the candidate on the Bryan ticket, under the promise of receiving recognition in the appointments in the sheriff's office. The bargain made was half and half, though Crow is trying now to repudiate this. He has been in office since the first of the year, and he has made but two appointments. He will not make any announcements of further appointments until after the February election, for if he did not deal out to the Democrats the full measure of price it would endanger the bargain between the Quay forces and the latter, and if he did keep faith the indignation of the honest Republicans would be so severe that swift punishment would be inflicted at the polls.

Mr. Crow, the Quay candidate, was likewise made the Populist nominee, so that his name appeared on three columns of the official ballot—the McKinley-Citizens, the Democratic and the Populist.

The candidate of "Quay reform" was diligently pushed by his free silver allies. They placarded the fences and dead walls with his picture, flanked by pictures of Bryan and Sewall. In other and devious ways they pushed his name, and they were materially aided by a large money contribution which was expended in the purchase of poll tax receipts to enfranchise the disciples of free trade. Crow was finally elected by a majority of 18,995. His election was hailed as a great Quay victory. It was, in fact, a Democratic victory. McKinley's vote in the city was 176,462. The regular Republican candidate for sheriff got 111,049. That left for the Quay candidate 65,413 Republican votes, which gave Mr. Ashbridge, the regular Republican nominee, a party majority of 45,636, but Bryan received 58,398 votes, and Crow in the same column benefited by this to the same extent.

The Populist ticket got a few votes, and these, with the Democratic votes and the small proportion of Republican votes, swelled the total for Crow to 130,044. This is the truth of the situation, as the official figures will demonstrate. By the use of the "McKinley-Citizens'" column and their coalition with the Democrats the Quay managers were enabled to defeat the regular nominees for the legislature in several districts and the regular nominee for state senator in one district, which facts serve to help to an opinion of the purpose of the organization. Ex-Magistrate Durham managed the campaign, he and other leaders resigning from the Republican city committee so as to be unhampered.

The Combination Continued.

In the present municipal campaign the "McKinley-Citizens'" party has been revived under the same management. Its attorneys, who are attempting to prove for it a legal standing, are the only two appointees so far announced by the Quay sheriff—Walton Pennewill, his chief deputy, and Alexander Simpson, Jr., his solicitor. Durham and Penrose are doing the practical work, so there is no question of identity involved. It is a desperate battle by the Quay-Andrews-Durham-Penrose combination to control city councils and thereby to control the awards of franchises, which power admits of no end of profit to those who are disposed to take advantage of opportunities offered. There are members to be elected to select council in fourteen wards. At the regular Republican primaries and conventions the Quay following was strong enough to control only three of these fourteen wards. In the other eleven the anti-Quay organization was victorious. But the Quay machine showed no disposition to accept the result. The "McKinley-Citizens'" organization again was necessary to aid the bolters.

The machinery was put in operation and opposition candidates were named against the regular ticket in all but three of the wards and compacts were made with the Democrats wherever the Democrats were strong enough to be of any assistance. In no case where the Quay leaders controlled the regular party machinery does an opposition "McKinley-Citizens'" ticket appear. This, if nothing else, would prove the purpose, and stamp the "McKinley-Citizens'" ticket as the ticket of bolters, unwilling to abide by nominations made according to party rules. For common council there will be elections in thirty-four wards, and here the combinations and opposition tickets are in the same proportion as those in the select council contests. Eighty-six members are to be elected. At the regular conventions the nominations resulted in the choice of fifteen Quay and seventy-one anti-Quay candidates. As a result fifty-six opposition tickets have been put in the field by the "McKinley-Citizens'," and in many of the wards combinations have been effected with the Democrats.

It is guerilla politics—cut-throat politics, all the way through, and the facts are so plain that they cannot be refuted. Further than this the Quay managers have instituted opposition tickets in every election division of the city for election officers. The candidates chosen by the regular party methods do not suit them, they would control but few of these. The result of this revolt will be to throw many of these offices to the Democrats, by which Quay probably expects to profit.

In this connection it is well to note that a bill has been introduced into the legislature to make the general election officers sit at all primary elections. The object of this has been the subject of much speculation. It may take a clearer meaning in the light of the efforts of the Quay managers here to throw such election boards as they cannot control into the hands of the Democrats, with whom they are allied. The whole scheme is so transparent that no one can fail to see it. Senator Quay, Senator-elect Penrose and State Senator Andrews have ceased to be party men and have become factionalists. They have chosen to go outside of the party to make their contests, and this is a species of treachery which the people will be quick to visit with scathing vengeance.

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE.

They Show That They Mean Business by Forming New Branches.

COUDERSPORT, Jan. 26.—The Coudersport branch of the National League of Business Men has just effected a permanent organization by the election of M. S. Thompson as president and A. S. Heck as secretary.

The committee on resolutions, consisting of William Doud, H. J. Olmsted, John Ormerod, E. H. Blanchard and W. F. Schutt, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

"Whereas, The National League of Business Men, which had its origin in Philadelphia shortly after the November election, was an outgrowth of the McKinley and Hobart business men's national campaign committee, which rendered such efficient aid in the late presidential campaign, and

"Whereas, The National League of Business Men, during the recent senatorial canvass, succeeded in arousing the business men of the commonwealth to a recognition of their importance as factors in the politics of the state, therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the Coudersport branch of the National League of Business Men, that we pledge our support in behalf of all movements having for their object the well being of the people of Pennsylvania.

"Resolved, That by the term 'business men,' we include farmers, professional men, merchants, mechanics and day laborers and all men interested in the business interests of the country.

"Resolved, That public office being a public trust, the people should be permitted to select their public servants without dictation from any boss, or any set of bosses.

"Resolved, That in our judgment, the contest for good government and clean politics should go on, and in such contest we pledge ourselves to aid in the purification of the politics of the state.

"Resolved, That we strongly commend the action of our representative, Hon. J. Walter Wells, in voting for Hon. John Wanamaker for the United States senate in the late caucus at Harrisburg for by such action he voiced the true sentiment of the Republicans of Potter county."

The secretary was instructed to correspond with the secretary of the Philadelphia branch of the national league, notifying him of the organization of this league, and the resolutions adopted. A committee of three was appointed to draft bylaws and constitution for the government of the organization.

AGAINST QUAY

Another County Organization He Cannot Control.

HONESDALE, Pa., Jan. 26.—The effort put forth by the Quay faction to gain control of the new county committee has ended in complete failure. This is the home of Senator Hardenbergh, and the Republican voters have never been enamoured of Mr. Quay's system of politics. This onset of the Quay faction was unsuspected until within a few days of the committee's formation, when the friends of Mr. Wanamaker set to work to render it ineffectual.

After a sharp fight, the people opposed to Senator Quay succeeded in electing their candidate for county chairman, Mr. M. E. Simons, who had labored earnestly for Mr. Wanamaker during the senatorial fight. The county organization is wholly in the hands of the anti-Quay element, and thus an important point has been gained in the campaign which is to be waged against senatorial absolutism.

Mushrooms In the Greenhouse.

A bulletin from the New York station gives this information: After the mushroom beds begun to bear they were watered twice a week with nitrate of soda dissolved in water at the rate of an ounce to a gallon of water. It was applied in a fine spray in sufficient quantities to moisten but not to soak the surface of the bed.

The same authority recommends in raising mushrooms in greenhouses to wait about two weeks or until the spawn begins to spread through the manure, before casing the beds with loam.

New York Agricultural College.

The College of Agriculture in connection with Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., is one of the most thoroughly equipped institutions in the country for imparting instruction in the science and practice of agriculture. Besides the regular courses there are two short courses, one on general agriculture and one on dairying. These special schools open Jan. 4.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

A Common Danger.

If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to wear away it may interest you to know it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis asthma or catarrh. Otto Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Call on A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, C. M. Benson, Colegrove, S. W. Stickney, Newerf, and get a trial bottle free.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig lamps." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

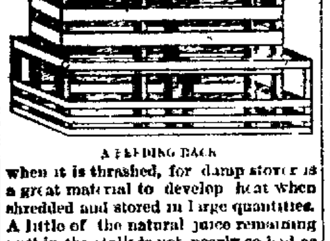
FARM AND GARDEN

CORN FODDER.

Shredding and Feeding It—A Western Plan Described.

Each season brings improvements to the corn huskers and fodder cutters which are of especial value where the season is short and farmers can afford the machinery. In some sections shredding has been done with the common small grain thresher. A Kansas contributor to the Ohio Farmer tells that, as a shredder, the thresher used with all of the cylinder spikes and two half rows of concave spikes is [illegible], doing the work rapidly and well—in fact, much more of a success than as a sheller and cleaner of the grain, which usually is left somewhat broken and not clean enough for market, though in good condition for feeding purposes. If, however, the ground has been wet and is frozen when the thrashing is done, causing the earth to adhere to the stalks, a considerable quantity of lumps of frozen earth about the size of corn kernels will be found in the grain. If the corn is dry when thrashed, there will be no difficulty in keeping the grain in bin and the stover in large quantities in mow or stack. Dry autumns are favorable to this work; therefore the huskers and shredders would be better adapted to that and other sections where the season is comparatively short and the autumn moist. The authority just quoted also writes.

Ear corn can be safely stored in large quantities when so damp that if shelled and piled up it would certainly be lost. As before stated, the fodder must be dry



A FEEDING RACK.

when it is thrashed, for damp stover is a great material to develop heat when shredded and stored in large quantities. A little of the natural juice remaining within the stalk is not nearly so bad as outside moisture from rain or dew. The western plan is to run the shredded stover directly into large racks in the feed yards, where two or three men mow it away, just as they would mow or stack straw from the machine, being careful to keep the center full and well tramped so it will turn water perfectly. A rack 16 by 32 feet should hold a good day's thrashing, or about 12 acres of ordinary fodder, without making the rack very high.

Racks are made by setting posts in the ground and nailing on fencing, beginning four or five feet from the ground and running them as high as necessary. To keep the thing from spreading the sides are tied together by putting wires across and twisting them together with a stick to tighten them. Around the rack a manger is constructed with siding boards and posts for the cattle to eat out of.

The sketch herewith will serve to show the principle of constructing. It shows a small rack which is very convenient for feeding straw or hay in the yard, as well as for fodder, when it is made on a larger scale. The lower part of the manger, below the opening for heads of cattle to pass through, should be boarded up tight for feeding fodder. The railing above the opening should be a strong pole or a hard wood 2 by 4.

Chemical Study of the Potato.

T. L. Watson, assistant chemist at the Virginia station at Blacksburg, in a bulletin on the Irish potato, considers the potato from a chemical point of view and compares tubers grown in different states. A brief resume of the most important facts are:

First.—The ratio existing between the specific gravity and starch is not a fixed one, which is clearly shown, especially in the comparison of the averages of the Connecticut grown varieties with that of the other states. Connecticut shows a lower specific gravity and a higher percentage of starch by about 2 per cent than the Virginia grown varieties.

Second.—The value of the potato, being reckoned from its table use, based upon the amount of starch contained, is very nearly the same—i. e., approximately the same for the three districts—northern, western and southern. The difference is slightly in favor of the northern grown varieties.

Third.—That the starch content varies for variety and locality.

Fourth.—That some varieties require more plant food than others, other conditions being the same.

Canadian Indian Relief Fund.

OTTAWA, Jan 25.—At the suggestion of the governor general the Dominion government has opened a national Indian relief fund, with the deputy minister of finance as treasurer. Lord Aberdeen heads the list with $1,000.

The Green Monarch.

[illegible] dyspepsia while [illegible] you eat [illegible] digests properly [illegible] well be envied [illegible] thus afflicted. The [illegible] of every [illegible] to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which [illegible] one of the most obstinate and troublesome [illegible] just which [illegible] direct [illegible] in this continent, in Europe and the tropics, this [illegible] remedy is [illegible] popular not only as a stomachic but also as a means of preventing and curing malaria, rheumatic, kidney, bilious and nervous disorders. It improves appetite and sleep, hastens convalescence and the acquisition of vigor after exhausting maladies and counteracts the infirmities of age. A wineglass [illegible] before retiring has a tendency to promote tranquil healthful sleep, a boon much coveted by nervous people.

A Note From the Editor.

The editor of a leading State writes: "If you had seen my wife last June and were to see her to-day you would not believe she was the same woman. Then she was broken down by nervous debility and suffered terribly from constipation and sick headache. Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves made her a well woman in one month." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, C. M. Benson, Colegrove, S. W. Stickney, Newerf. Large size 25 and 50 cents.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. [illegible] the article most used for [illegible] always cures them. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

T. F. Anthony, Ex Postmaster of [illegible] City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport.

Soothing and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small but effective—such are the qualities of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Here and There.

On sour or acid soils clover does not [illegible] at the Rhode Island [illegible] it was impossible to grow clover until enough air slaked lime was used to [illegible]. When this was done, excellent crops of clover were produced.

There seems to be a growing inclination on the part of New England farmers to plant [illegible] to do both for shade and the [illegible] of nuts.

With [illegible] baled shavings have come [illegible] general use as bedding that [illegible] of straw have been considered [illegible].

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania state [illegible] of agriculture will be held at Harrisburg, Jan. 27 and 28.

[illegible] Rural New Yorker [illegible] many farmers [illegible] with crimson clover [illegible] united with [illegible].

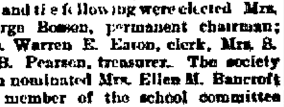
St. [illegible] to the list of [illegible] from [illegible] for export [illegible] Portland, Me., and Boston, [illegible] the two last mentioned, [illegible] in accordance with the regulations in the order of Feb. 11, 1889.

In this country the electric culture of plants for commercial purposes has now become a recognized industry.

A Hoisting Crane.

Ohio Farmer not long ago illustrated a crane used in some sections for hauling in corn shocks, it being much easier than to handle with a fork. Twenty to 30 shocks are hauled at a load and husked in the barn. It also saves fodder.

For the post of the crane take a 4 by 4 inch piece, 12 feet long. The arm is 3



FOR HOISTING AND HAULING FODDER.

by 3 inches, 4 feet long and braced as you see. The post is fastened by bolting two planks to it, one above and one below, making a 4 inch hole in the upper plank and a 2 inch hole below, to prevent it from [illegible]. For the hoister take two pulleys, a double one above and single one below, with a 75 foot rope.

Reading Women Organize.

The women voters of Reading, Pa., met recently at the home of Mrs. William Carter, [illegible] street, and formed an organization. Mrs. S. G. B. Pearson was chosen temporary chairman. Officers for the ensuing year were balloted for, and the following were elected: Mrs. George Bosson, permanent chairman; Mrs. Warren E. Eaton, clerk, Mrs. S. G. B. Pearson, treasurer. The society then nominated Mrs. Ellen M. Bancroft for member of the school committee and recommended that Mrs. Gertrude Hussey be nominated as a trustee of the public library. Mrs. Warren Eaton was chosen a committee of one to confer with the proper authorities in regard to having a woman on the board of overseers of the poor. In conclusion, the society earnestly recommend that every woman in town qualified to vote should register and cast her vote at the coming town election.

Warner's Safe Cure

Has for a Fifth of a Century Cured all forms of [illegible]

KIDNEY and LIVER DISEASES,

THE DREAD BRIGHT'S DISEASE

is but advanced Kidney Disease.

Either [illegible] Both can be Cured

If treated in time with Warner's Safe Cure.

Large bottle [illegible] at your druggist's. Ask for either and accept no substitute.

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS, COPYRIGHTS &c.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain, free, whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Oldest agency for securing patents in America. We have a Washington office. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN,

beautifully illustrated, largest circulation of any scientific journal, weekly, terms $3.00 a year; $1.50 six months. Specimen copies and HAND BOOK ON PATENTS sent free. Address

MUNN & CO.,
361 Broadway, New York.

NEW

WAGON and CARRIAGE

SHOP.

Having purchased the wood work department of C. W. [illegible] I am prepared to do all kinds of

WAGON and CARRIAGE WORK.

CARRIAGE PAINTING done in latest style.

JOHN SERVATIUS, Smethport, Pa.

A. T. PALMER,

Livery, Feed and Sale

STABLES.

Largest, Best Equipped and Most Complete Livery Establishment in McKean county.

Office connected with N. Y. and Pa. Telephone and Telegraph long distance lines and only one minute from Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices.

Prompt attention to all business intrusted to my care. Your patronage solicited.

CHARLES LEMMLER

MANUFACTURER OF

Light and Heavy Harnesses,

AND DEALER IN

Dusters, Whips, Trunks, Traveling Bags, etc.

The Celebrated Stock Food and Hoof Dressing constantly on hand.

Everything is up to date, and new work and repairing done neatly and promptly.

Call and be Convinced.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

Wanted—An Idea. Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

$3,400.00 CASH AND PRIZES GIVEN FREE EACH MONTH FOR Sunlight SOAP WRAPPERS

As follows:

4 First Prizes, each of $100 Cash	-	$ 400.00
20 Second " " " $100 PIERCE SPECIAL Bicycles	-	2,000.00
40 Third " " " $ 25 Gold Watches	-	1,000.00
Cash and Prizes given each month	- -	$3,400.00
		12
Total given during 12 mos. 1897,		$40,800.00

HOW TO OBTAIN THEM.

Competitors to save as many SUNLIGHT SOAP Wrappers as they can collect. Cut off the top portion of each wrapper, that portion containing the heading "SUNLIGHT SOAP." These (called "coupons") are to be sent postage fully paid, enclosed with a sheet of paper stating Competitor's full name and address and the number of Coupons sent in, to Lever Bros., Ltd., New York, marked on outside Wrapper (top left hand corner) with NUMBER of the DISTRICT Competitor lives in.

No. of District	NAME OF DISTRICT.
1	New York City, Brooklyn, Long and Staten Islands, New Jersey.
2	New York State (outside of N. Y. City, Brooklyn, Long and Staten Islands).
3	Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and District of Columbia.
4	The New England States.

The Bicycles are [illegible] Pattern, [illegible] Pierce, made by [illegible] Boston and New York [illegible] Tires, [illegible] Bell, Standard Cyclometer, and Hunt Lamp [illegible].

RULES.

1. Every month during 1897 in each of the 4 districts prizes will be awarded as follows:

The 1 Competitor who sends in the Largest Number of coupons from the district in which he or she resides will receive $100 Cash.

The 5 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Pierce Special Bicycle, price $100.00.

The 10 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Gold Watch, price $25.

2. The competition will close the Last Day of Each Month [illegible] received too late for one month's competition will be put into the next.

3. Competitors who obtain wrappers from unsold soap in dealer's stock will be disqualified. Employees of Lever Brothers, Ltd., and their families, are debarred from competing.

4. A printed list of Winners in Competitor's district will be forwarded to Competitors in about 21 days after each competition closes.

5. Lever Brothers, Ltd. will endeavor to award the prizes fairly to the best of their ability and judgment, but it is understood that all who compete agree to accept the award of Lever Brothers, Ltd., as final.

LEVER BROS., Ltd., New York.

SPECHT & SASSE,

THE OLD RELIABLE

FURNITURE DEALERS,

Are better prepared than ever to fill your wants in their line. Their stock is large and complete [illegible] at prices at rock bottom.

Do not fail to give them a call.

UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

JONES & CHURCH,

DEALERS IN Fresh and Salt Meats.

Sausage, Poultry, Vegetables. Apples, Fresh Fish, Oysters, Home-Made Mince Meat,

Highest Cash Price Paid for Fat Stock, Poultry, Hides, Pelts, Etc.

WILLIAMS' OLD STAND.

Smethport Mills.

Boss and Pillsbury's Flour

Feed at Lowest Prices

Shelled Corn, Buckwheat flour, Wheat, Grain, Poultry Food, Oyster shells, Oil meal for horses

FLOUR

Pillsbury's BEST XXXX Minneapolis, Minn.

A full line of grain of all kinds kept on hand. Corn, farm [illegible] fanned Oats. I invite you all to call and get prices before buying elsewhere.

Custom grinding done promptly and all orders filled as correctly as can be.

Try [illegible] Naptha Soap

C. E. BARRETT.

THE NEW-YORK WEEKLY TRIBUNE

FOR

EVERY member of
EVERY family on
EVERY farm, in
EVERY village, in
EVERY State or Territory.

FOR Education,
FOR Noble Manhood,
FOR True Womanhood.

IT GIVES all important news of the Nation.
IT GIVES all important news of the World.
IT GIVES the most reliable market reports.
IT GIVES brilliant and instructive editorials.
IT GIVES fascinating short stories.
IT GIVES an unexcelled agricultural department.
IT GIVES scientific and mechanical information.
IT GIVES illustrated fashion articles.
IT GIVES humorous illustrations.
IT GIVES entertainment to young and old.
IT GIVES satisfaction everywhere to everybody.

We furnish THE MINER and "N. Y. WEEKLY TRIBUNE" 4 Months—17 Weeks—for 40 Cents.

CASH IN ADVANCE.

Address all orders to

THE MINER.

Write your name and address on a postal card, send it to Geo. W. Best, Tribune Building, New York, and sample copy of the NEW YORK WEEKLY TRIBUNE will be mailed to you.

LUMBER YARD.

Do you know that

HOLMES & GILFILLAN

Have the finest and most complete stock of all kinds of

Building Materials

To be found in McKean County.

Two Grades of HEMLOCK, PINE AND RED CEDAR SHINGLES.

Our Washington Red Cedar are without doubt the best lasting Shingles ever sold anywhere.

We have everything you can possibly want to build with in stock, in all grades. Come and see us. We are always glad to show our goods.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT!

And then go to

BROWNELL BROTHERS,

Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.

AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE

FINEST GROCERIES

TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT

ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

Many cases of so called heart disease, are only cases of acid fermentation in the stomach. The irritation from the acid hinders the action of the heart, through the pneumogastric nerve, and very often the excessive to [illegible] power of this peculiarly set [illegible] nerve, becomes a very serious matter, the heart makes the greatest effort to do its work, but there is a shortness of breath which cannot be made up for and the feeling throughout the [illegible] is very distressing. Sometimes [illegible] arms and [illegible] as well as [illegible] smarting in the throat, at other times the burning is up and down the chest.

Another stomach trouble is that form of dyspepsia which gives pain [illegible]. Persons [illegible] this dis[illegible] [illegible] full of the nerve and brain [illegible] reading or close thought [illegible] after eating, the [illegible] that intolerable [illegible] dyspeptics dread so much [illegible] immediate re[illegible] [illegible] to perform its labor.

There are two properties possessed by Dr. Day's Stomach and Nerve Tonic which constitute it a cure for all of the above derangements. One, is its power of purifying and sweetening the stomach and stopping the [illegible] gas and acid, the other is giving an increased nerve action and strength. Soon, with better digestion and better nutrition, there is a general renewal of life and health. [illegible] by A. B. Armstrong & Co. [illegible] D. M. Wilcox of [illegible]

ORLO L. BARD

East Smethport

Successor to M. N. Allen

Keeps in stock a fine line of

GROCERIES
PROVISIONS
TOBACCO
and CIGARS.

Fresh Fruit

OF ALL KIND CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Canned Fruit

OF EVERY KIND A SPECIALTY.

Be Sure To Call.

Are you Going to buy a Mower, Reaper or Binder?

Wm. Masser is agent for the JOHNSTON HARVESTING CO., of Batavia, N. Y. He will be pleased to show Machines and quote prices. Also Walker Stratman & Co's Fertilizers at low prices.

WILLIAM MASSER,

Water Street Smethport

SUNOL BICYCLES

Best Bicycles

to buy are the

Sunol, Hercules, Stella.

[illegible]

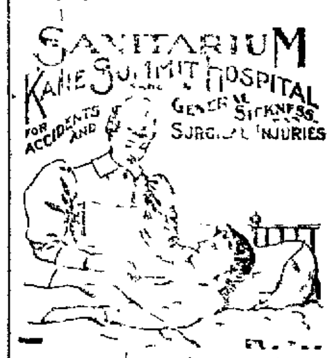
THIS MEANS YOU

[illegible]

BUSINESS CHANCE.

[illegible]

All [illegible] sale by A. T. Palmer at his livery, feed and sale stable, Smethport, Pa.



Every patient receives the [illegible] of Dr. Evans [illegible] Kane [illegible]

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

GET AN EDUCATION

[illegible]

PATENTS

Caveats, and Trade-Marks obtained and all Patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES. OUR OFFICE IS OPPOSITE U. S. PATENT OFFICE and we can secure patent in less time than those remote from Washington.

Send model, drawing or photo., with description. We advise, if patentable or not, free of charge. Our fee not due till patent is secured.

A PAMPHLET, "How to Obtain Patents," with cost of same in the U. S. and foreign countries sent free. Address,

C. A. SNOW & CO.
OPP. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

TRAVELERS GUIDE

TIME TABLE

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA

In effect [illegible]

Trains leave Smethport for [illegible] Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express daily except Sunday [illegible] a m
Buffalo Mail daily except Sunday [illegible] p m
[illegible] for Allegany [illegible] Oil City [illegible] Pittsburg

For Clermont and points south:

[illegible] daily ex Sunday [illegible] a m
[illegible] daily ex Sunday 12.17 p m
[illegible] daily ex Sunday [illegible]
[illegible] connects through to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1:00 a m

[illegible] time tables giving full information from [illegible] Ticket Agent

R. BELL General Supt.
[illegible] Gen. Pass'r & T'k't A.
[illegible]

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

[illegible] DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. [illegible] '96.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

[illegible]—Train [illegible] daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York 9.23 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7.15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.30 a. m., New York 7.33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6.52 a. m., New York 9.33 a. m., week days (10.38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6.20 a. m., Washington 7.40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaving Ridgway 3.10 p. m. for Erie. [illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 11, daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 6.16 a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. [illegible] a. m. Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8.40 a. m., Washington 7.50 a. m., Baltimore 8.50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10.15 a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 4.06 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane. Train 3 leaves New York 8.00 p. m., Philadelphia 11.20 p. m., Washington 10.40 p. m., Baltimore 11.50 p. m. daily arriving at Emporium Junction 10.25 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

Daily except Sunday

NORTH	STATIONS	SOUTH
[illegible]		Ar. A M
[illegible]	Ridgway	12 00
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 41
[illegible]	Bert[illegible]	11 27
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	11 19
10 [illegible]	Instanter	11 05
10 [illegible]	Smith's Run	10 54
[illegible]	Wisdale	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made with train 1, leaving [illegible] for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 8.07 p. m. [illegible] at Ridgway with train 6 leaving Ridgway [illegible] p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

[illegible] General Manager. [illegible] R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Ag't.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Aug. 16 1896 passenger trains will leave Buffalo Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the coal and lumber regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND

7.15 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2.55 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

4.50 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND

[illegible] a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

2.00 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburgh, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets good for passage between all stations at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY
Gen'l Passenger Agent
Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.

TIME TABLE

Took effect Monday, June 15th 1896

[illegible]	[illegible]	5	STATIONS	2	4	6
a m	p m	p m	Ar. Lv.	a m	p m	p m
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cowley Junc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	1 50	[illegible]	Austin	[illegible]	[illegible]	8 20
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Costello	[illegible]	3 15	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	[illegible]	4 25	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Germania	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ansonia	3 45	[illegible]	
a m	p m	p m	Ar.	a m	p m	p m

[illegible] Cross Fork Br. [illegible]

[illegible] Cross Fork Jc. [illegible]

[illegible] Cross Fork Jc. [illegible]

[illegible] C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table takes effect Monday Nov [illegible] 1896

A M	A M	P M	AR EASTWARD STATIONS LV WESTWARD	A M	A M	A M
	7 30	2 10	Ulysses	7 47	2 30	9 40
	7 21	2 03	Lewisville	7 51	2 40	10 04
	7 16	1 53	Perkins	7 56	2 45	10 10
	7 13	1 50	Newfield Junc	7 57	2 50	10 16
	7 06	1 42	Gold	8 04	2 56	10 20
	7 01	1 36	Raymonds	8 07	2 59	10 34
	6 50	1 21	Seven Bridges	8 19	3 11	10 50
	6 46	1 20	Colesburg	8 21	3 15	10 55
	6 40	1 14	Frisk's	8 25	3 22	11 05
	6 30	1 40		8 43	3 40	11 20
3 55	[illegible]	2 55	Coudersport	8 45	6	1 30
3 40		12 51	Hammond			1 35
3 45			Fish Hatchery			
3 39	7 5	12 46	Olmsted	8 51	5 20	1 44
3 34	7 45	12 41	Mina	8 5	5 24	1 50
3 26		12 34	Knowlton		6 70	
3 21	7 36	12 29	Roulette	9 05	6 33	2 14
3 1	7 31	12 22	Burtville	9 13	6 43	2 20
3 06		12 17	Coleman		6 4	
3 [illegible]	7 20	12 12	Port Allegany	9 4	6 50	2 35
P M	A M	P M	Dep't Arrive	A M	P M	P M

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

Bradford Bordell and Kinzua R. R. Co.

Time table taking effect Jan 1st, 1896.

LEAVE SMETHPORT

8 10 A M—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. R'y for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10 00 A M Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

3 0 P M—Mail and Express daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 16 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9 25 a m. 4 p m. and 6 15 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA
Gen Pas. Agent
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 1896

South		Stations		North	
1.15		Clermont		12.30	
1.20		Clermont Tank		12.25	
1.40		Windwood		11.57	
1.5		North Fork		11.50	
2.10		Key Fork		11.33	
2.12		Gray Gables		11.30	
2.30	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11.14	
2.35	7.40 Lv		Ar	10.55	6.15
2.38	7.43	Kaul		10.50	6.12
2.45	7.50	Deisch		10.42	6.00
2.50	7.55	Groll		10.37	4.55
2.57	8.03	Gillen		10.28	6.45
3.02	8.17	Paine		10.23	5.40
3.08	8.11	Centreville		10.20	5.40
3.16	8.15	Dagus Crossing		10.15	5.27
3.18	8.24	Shelvey Summit		10.07	5.20
3.23	8.29	Cuneo		9.56	5.14
3.27	8.3	Thompson		9.53	5.10
3.31	8.7	Curry		9.46	5.07
3.37	8.42	Brandy Camp		9.41	5.02
3.40	8.47	Tibon		9.34	5.00
4	8.50	Hyle		9.28	4.44
4.05	9.11	Shawmut		9.15	4.25
p m	a.m.			a m	p m

BLACKSMITHING!

The subscriber has purchased the blacksmith shop recently occupied by Charles Kreuger, on Mechanic street, near Gifford's saw-mill, where he is prepared to do first-class blacksmithing, including

HORSESHOEING.

Satisfaction guaranteed. He also manufactures

SLEIGHS.

He Cures All Ordinary Lameness in Horse's Feet and Legs.

CHAS. W. LILGENDAHL.

Smethport, Aug. 6th, 1896